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The 132nd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department

The Encampment opened at 9:51 AM.

Commander Edward Norris: The Officers and members of the 132nd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Guide, you will determine if all are present and entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you will assist on the right.

Guide: Commander, I find all our entitled to remain.

Commander Edward Norris: The Department Secretary will call the role of the Officers of the Encampment.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander Edward Norris?

Commander Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop? (No answer) Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray? Present. Council number one Peter Rotando?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Council number two Kevin Tucker?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Council number three George Maple?

Councilman George Maple: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Chaplain Peter Preble?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander, the roll is called.

Commander Edward Norris: Conley would you sit in the Senior Vice Commander's chair please. Peter, will you fill in for Junior Vice? Would everyone who has cell phones please put them on vibrate or turn them off? Thank you.
Brothers, upon what principles is our order founded, and what duties do we inculcate?

Encampment: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander Edward Norris: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct, our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our Country, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Department Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity it's free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order; grant that it may long exist and that may it continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with your special mercy Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

Commander Edward Norris: Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the Colors.

Encampment: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander Edward Norris: By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare the 132nd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly opened for the transaction of such a business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter. A couple of points of business. If you're going to speak you need to come up to the microphone so we can pick you up. Please state your name and what Camp you are with. I have already appointed a committee for credentials. The Brothers are Stephen Twining and Richard Nichols. If you haven't already handed them your delegate card could you please do so now. We are now going to go on to recognition of guests. We have Junior Vice Commander in Chief Eugene Mortoff. Gene, do you have anything you would like to say?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortoff: Plenty, but I'm going to ask Commander if you would mind if I say a few words to the Brothers before we install the

new Officers? I would like to hear what you are doing and I might have a couple comments about that.

Commander Edward Norris: Yes, that would be fine. Do we have a report from the Credentials Committee?

Brother Stephen Twining: Steve Twining, Credentials Committee. We have twenty voting members today. We have six Delegates, five Past Camp Commanders, two Past Department Commanders, one Past Commander in Chief, five Camp Commanders and one Department Commander, for a total of twenty.

Commander Edward Norris: Do we have any Constitution and Regulations that need to be changed? Resolutions? I have one committee that I need to appoint then: Fraternal Relations. Kevin, will you please do that?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Okay.

Commander Edward Norris: So we will move on to report of Officers. I guess I will go first. I've come duly prepared. Ed Norris, Department Commander. I felt that we had a very successful year in the last 12 months which is typically a year. We have had many events that have honored our ancestors; we tried some new things such as the family day at Fort Warren. Unfortunately it was sparsely attended but the members who went out seemed to have a good time. We ran into a couple problems there. Boston University decided go out to a different island at the same time so the boat rapidly filled up. I know in one case the blue line had shut down for a while and they were busing people. We had a little bit of a logistics problem there.

We had our 12th annual Lincoln Day Brunch and that was well attended. We had a very good speaker there.

This year we went down to Remembrance Day like we have in the past and in this year I am happy to report we sold out. Unfortunately we had to turn people away, as we only have so many rooms allocated to us. For next year Dan was able to get us a couple of additional rooms.

I thought one of the highlights of the year for the Department, and I know for me as well, was going to Camp 22. If you don't know, we moved Camp 22 permanently to the Soldiers Home in Chelsea. Thanks to Dexter Bishop and Kevin Tucker for getting that moving. Past Department Commander George Maple also encouraged that movement and we were finally able to do it. I was able to initiate one new member at the time and we were able to install the Officers. So the Camp is up and running and that is a good thing. If you don't know a lot of the guys at the Soldiers Home, they can't get out easily to meetings at other locations. The meetings are held right there and Dexter also does a

number of events there to help them along. It is a really good cause; it is probably one of the highlights of the things we do as a Department for charitable work.

Last year when I took office I challenge the Camps to register twenty-five graves. I got reports from three of those, Camps 25, 61, and 104. If another Camp did that, I apologize. Did any other Camp to twenty-five graves? For those Camps I would like to update the challenge to see them can do fifty next year, and the other Camps to do twenty-five. I also challenged the Camps to record two Civil War Monuments. Unfortunately, I do not believe any Camp achieved that.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Camp 104 at least did Braintree; we actually got a grant from National.

Commander Edward Norris: Oh, very good. Again I would like to see us do this more often. Personally I logged about 2500 miles doing Department business; going to installations and events, things like that. If you are doing the same, keep a log and give them to your tax guy. It is charitable work, volunteer work, so you can write that stuff off. So I was able to do that. For the first time I had the honor of reading Gen. Logan's Order in front of everybody at the Bourne Memorial Day services. It was really special and I know some of you other guys have had a chance to do the same.
One of the things, it was in the National 2020 plan was that we start using more social media. We have started doing that. Jack is my Signal Officer and between us we loaded up a lot of stuff on Facebook and became much more visible, I think, to the outside world. So we did achieve that.
We did have some challenges though this year. Unfortunately, I didn't like doing it, but we needed to suspend two Camps because they did not supply me with who their Treasurer was. One of the Camps has their suspension lifted, at the same time I went a little bit beyond and I asked for the Form 22. It was already past due but we needed to get the EIN report in. I still have one Camp that is under suspension; we have our Camp Annual Reports due at the end of the month. A few of us went out to National this year, and there would have to National this year and there was a lot of concern about getting reports in late. New England seems to be a prime target; we're constantly missing them. They had put in some penalties. so we cannot afford to miss it any longer. I do need all the reports in to the Department Secretary, whoever that will be, if we don't have them in by the end of the month I will unfortunately have to suspend those Camps again. We cannot jeopardize our position at National Encampment.
One of the things I noticed was that attendance was down at events and I am not sure of the reason for it. We were a little light on Lincoln Day; we were a little light on the Fort Warren thing; unfortunately it seems to be a trend. I participated at the Worcester Memorial Day services and we noticed that it was only about half the groups that were normally there. It was kind of shocking. I don't know how we fix that but we need to figure out some way to get our Brothers back in and be more active within our Department. It benefits all and as much as it is a benefit to them it benefits all to have a good attendance. Again, the exception was Remembrance Day. We had a great turnout for Remembrance Day. I was very pleased with that and we always have a good time with that.

Finally, I had the honor of representing the Department at the National Encampment as Department Commander, so that was kind of special as well. So that is my report. I will type this up and give this to you, probably tomorrow. We will hold off on the Senior Vice Commanders report because he is on his way. We expect this afternoon so we will ask him at that point. He is also the Camp Commander of Camp 22. Junior Vice Commander, your report.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Junior Vice Commander for the Department of Massachusetts. My report is primarily focused on membership. Being new to the office and my first time serving in this position, I asked what is my what is my role, the biggest role I can play as the Junior Vice Commander. Membership is a big thing, so this year I have had a great working relationship with our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Eugene Mortoff. Of course, as you know, his role is pretty much involved with membership, so this year I am proud to say that Brother Mortoff has sent us five regular memberships that he received at National, which he forwarded on to me to be able to assign them to particular Camps within the Massachusetts Department. Of course I did not know the procedure; it was a learning curve for me so we took it step-by-step. Of course with his guidance and with a little help from the other leaders in the Organization I had to decide where to assign them. When I receive an application like that I try to assign them to the Camp that is in the nearest proximity to their home. Once I get the electronic copy of the application it gives me five days before I received the hardcopy of the application with the check to talk to the different Camp Commanders to decide which is the best Camp to assign them to. This year I want to say I've assigned five regular members to three different Camps. Now I am not going to tell you what Camps they are because I am sure the Camp Commanders are here today and they can tell you about the people that they just recently signed up. I would like for them to elaborate with a little feedback about how those members are fitting in, to see if they were well-placed in their Camps. So again, we have five regular members, and the process that we have in place, it seems to be working extremely well. If we just get more members from National that I can assign, great. Another initiative that I have been working on, you know I have mentioned it, is to be able to recruit and get more exposure within our different Camp communities. So, like in Scituate, I reached out to the local high school and the kids that get credit for community service to assist with grave registration, laying wreaths on Memorial Day and Veterans Day or whatever. Any type of activity that we need manpower, because our numbers are so small we need bodies of people. We have great projects, we just don't have the people to do the work. So I am reaching out for another volunteer source to be able to do this work. I am still struggling with that right now. I haven't got a commitment from the principal of the school yet. All we have to do is have a couple of people. We have a project, kids want to earn community service hours, we can sign off on those. That is something that I'm still working on. If I am successful with that I would like to be able to share that with, the other words, the model of that process I went through, with the other Camps. Maybe some of the Camps are already doing this but it is an excellent source for manpower to man operation for a process. So that is my report. Thank you very much

Commander Edward Norris: Secretary's report?

Secretary Daniel Murray: I would like to give it when I give my Treasurer's report.

Commander Edward Norris: If it is okay with the body we will hold off and give the Treasurer's report just before the budget.

Secretary Daniel Murray: I will give a quick Secretary's report. All of the Camps are now in; the last one I just got; I believe it is either Camp 26 or Camp 132. The Department Commander should be lifting the suspension of the last Camp right now we currently have 183 members. When the time comes to elect delegates we are entitled to eight delegates. For the Camp Secretaries and Commanders in attendance, the end of the month what we need are Annual reports, and I do have three or four of them already in. We need to make sure we get those reports in on time to National because if we are late five years in a row they will not seat the delegates from that Department. That is my report. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Al, do you have the Patriotic Instructors report?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: My name is Al Smith and I am the Department Patriotic Instructor. I am the new kid on the block as far as Patriotic Instructor I have been a member of the SUV for a couple of years. The word patriotic to me is extremely important. Not only about reporting the what-fors and the how-tos of our Organization but I've taken some hints from Conley in enlisting new members as a Patriotic Instructor. I would like to make a suggestion to the Organization. Almost every day you will see advertised on TV or on the radio various veterans' organizations that are being sponsored for various functions. I would like to take the word patriotic and instill that with the SUV as is exhibited by our soldiers when it comes to patriotism, both men and women. There is a veterans hospital in Bedford, there is a veterans hospital in Lowell and there is a veterans hospital in Jamaica Plain. I would like to see a program, and hopefully with Conley's help, to send out literature to these VA hospitals for those that are wounded, for those suffering terrible maladies of their legs and arms, to those who are suffering from PTSD. I would like to see a program in which we enlist the aid of all the different veterans from all the various veterans hospitals and groups, both those who are healthy and those that are not, and see if we can get them to enlist in the SUV. One reason why I think it would work is because many of the soldiers that you see in the hospitals, many of the soldiers who you see in various other organizations, are truly committed to their victory, truly committed to the bravery, and they are truly committed to patriotism. That is why I use the word patriotism in my Patriotic Instructor report. So I would like to ask Conley as the weeks and months go by if I could help him, work together to form a program where we enlist the veterans of our various wars, Vietnam, World War II, Korea, the Iraq conflict, Afghanistan conflict. I believe it is a system that we could gain so many members by going to their patriotic duty and that's my function as a Patriotic Instructor. I will report today's events in my monthly report to Ed and other Patriotic Instructors. So I like to see hopefully if we can work together to gain the help

and the contact of the veterans with our various soldiers, Navy, Marine Corps and such. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris:. Thank you. Peter, do you have a report from the Council?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Sure do. Good morning Brothers. My name is Peter Rotando and I am chairman of the Council. I am also representing Councilmen Kevin Tucker and George Maple. I am pleased to report the past years work of the Department Council. On August 1, 2013 the elected Secretary, Brother Carter, submitted his resignation and returned all the secretary's records to the Department Commander. Commander Ed Norris at this time temporarily appointed Department Treasurer Daniel Murray to fill the position until the Council could find a replacement. Councilman Peter Rotando directed Commander Norris to make public to all the Camps the availability of this position to be filled.

On September 8, 2013 he notified the Council Chairman that there were no further inquiries to fill the position. At the September 8, 2013 meeting the Council approved Daniel Murray to fill the position of Secretary for the remainder of the year until the next election.

Treasurer Daniel Murray at the September 8, 2013 meeting, notified the Council that $63,389 had been received from a CD that matured and was available for disposition. The Chairman of the Council asked the Treasurer for any suggestions he had for the placement of these funds. Brother Murray replied that the money should go back into the permanent fund. The only member of the Council that was present was the Chairman who directed the Department Treasurer to move these funds into the permanent fund.

Commander Edward Norris invited a representative from Wells Fargo Investments to attend our meeting where a lengthy presentation was given as to the management of our funds and securities by a professional organization. Members present were given the opportunity to question the benefits of transferring our money to the management of this corporation. Commander Norris directed the Council members present to recommend any action to pursuing work with Wells Fargo.

During the month of March 2014 the Council Chairman spoke with Brother Maple and contacted Brother Tucker by phone to explain his opinions and seek their input in going to an outside agency to manage our money. Brother Tucker recently returned from China and had some excellent insight into economic growth in China. Brother Maple had his concerns over unstable foreign markets given the world situation. After much consideration it appears that the market growth as it is on the US stock exchanges is still a safe bet. The deciding factor against having Wells Fargo manage our money was the fact that the annual fee for their services would be about $5000 a year or more. They would charge 2% on a net worth which is over $500,000. You will see a little later our budget might be about $24,000 this year, so what they are basically asking for is

25% of our operating funds to manage our money. In my opinion, as well as Brother Maples and Brother Tucker's, we do not have the opportunity to increase our corporate dividends to cover this $5000 additional cost. It is a recommendation of this sitting Council that the Department of Massachusetts does not pursue dealing with Wells Fargo at this time. The Council does not reject the notion of some professional supervision of Department funds however we are open to suggestions for the membership for presentations of money managing organizations in the future. We understand the necessity of our future considerations for investments; our most important concern is to maintain our annual operating budget to meet the needs of our mission. Respectfully submitted, Peter Rotando, Chairman of the Council.

If you do read any of the financial pages, Japan didn't do too well this year; in China we do not know long-term what is going to happen over there. I am very concerned about countries that are just becoming aware of wealth and how they are going to react on the world stock markets. Germany and Scandinavia are pretty good places but other than that the world markets aren't that great. We're encouraged to seek foreign investment as an alternative but right now there is no place like home. So again if you know someone from an investment corporation who would like to consider managing our money we would invite them to come and speak. The hard part is we cannot put that money aside and take most of that money out of our operating budget. Otherwise we will do nothing, we would just be floundering. We have money; we try to use it wisely as we have in the past. We have some pretty good heads here on the Council to make that judgment so it will be up to your pleasure. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. We will move on to reports from the appointed officers. Steve, would you like to give the Graves Registrations Officers report?

Graves Registrations Officer Stephen Twining: Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer and my notes are home on my dining room table. What I can tell you is there are over 1200 graves registered by Camps this year. I don't have an exact number because I don't get reports. Flag holders, I have a few left. The new order should be on its way, the order was made and the price went up a little bit, but I just told him what our budget was. The Graves Registration, you know my girlfriend always tells me my car will pass anything on the road but a cemetery. But in doing that and talking to people the word is getting out about the SUV and our project and there is a lot of recognition coming. I still have my posting with the United Way.

I have gotten a couple of inquiries recently, I couldn't work it out with them. The inquiry is for people to help me with Graves registration. I have many many many photos of gravestones and their locations, but I need to transfer their names to something that means something like their name rank and unit that they belong to and make those entries into the database. Back in November I got a complaint from a Past Department Commander of New Hampshire and he is on Facebook as "Civil War Graves". I believe it is Dan Meehan. Anyway, he was in a Gloucester Cemetery, he is trying to go all over the Northeast taking photographs in cemeteries. The unfortunate thing is he doesn't

register them. But I kind of take them off Facebook and put them in for them. In any event he was in a cemetery in Gloucester and it was like a jungle; it hasn't been taken care of for years.

One of Camp 61's members with his contacts in Gloucester, because that is where he lives, we went into the archives in the City Hall and we found out that there were thirty-three (33) Civil War veterans buried in that cemetery. There were also two World War I and the Spanish-American War veterans buried there. We found four stones. Bruce Frail, the National Graves Registration Officer from Rhode Island, came up and we had five of us that went to the cemetery and took pictures. It was just awful. The worst part was there was a cemetery right next to it that the city took care of. You know what they did with the debris? Just threw it over the stone wall to the cemetery in back of it.

I was given the chore of trying to contact the city and see what they wanted to do about it. I sent a letter to the mayor and the historic commission and I got no response; I sent a letter to the Veteran Service Agent and got no response. I sent a letter to the City Solicitor telling them that the city was in violation of a State law that was supposed to take care of veterans' graves, and no answer from his office. Just last week I got a phone call from the co-chairman of the historic commission to say that they had no money. They knew about it but without any money they couldn't do anything. They said they used to have Boy Scouts that would help but they don't have them anymore. This particular project is going to take more than Boy Scouts; it's going to take some heavy equipment. They're going to need chainsaws and heavy equipment to haul it out. So I asked them, can't you get some prisoners from your County jail to help you out? They do go out and do community service projects. They do it in Worcester County they do it in Hampden County that I know of first-hand. They said no that would be a terrible liability issue. After a half-hour I finally convinced him and he is going to ask people in city government to see if they can do something about it. It is a long process. It was suggested that I calm down about it because I was going to call our friend at Channel 4 in Boston, Jack Williams, and see if they're interested in doing a story on it because Gloucester isn't the only place. We're still trying to go through talking to people and I'll keep in touch with this guy.

Graves Registration seems to be moving along, everybody I talk to about it thinks it's a wonderful thing so I explained about the SUV. Hopefully it might get some more members and some more participation. The United Way that I started to talk about, they have this thing, people out there that want to volunteer to do things. So United Way is acting as a place you can go to find old guys like me who want to do something volunteer. You get on their website and you can scroll down through all of the opportunities and we are on there. I had one person, he worked a year transferring a paper copy they had from the city of Lawrence, was over two thousand veterans graves he put on a spreadsheet for me. Now I'm working on getting those registered, so it helps. I would suggest that any other Camps in their towns maybe they can get help going out because we do have a lot of older members. In my Camp we have, I think, one person under fifty. That is my report.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. One thing Steve didn't bring up is at the New England Regional Association, Bruce Frail who is the National Graves Registration Officer asked if the New England Regional would create a position for a Regional Graves Registration Officer. Steve Twining was put into that position that he is helping to coordinate all of the New England states now. Bob your GAR Highway Officer report please.

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: Robert Borden, Department Highway Officer. A year ago I gave you a partial verbal report and I stated then that I was not going down onto Cape Cod until after Columbus Day when I knew the last Land Rover with New Jersey license plates had left. Some of this you have heard before, this is my survey report as of October 2013.

Route 6 extends from the state line at East Providence Rhode Island through the towns of Seekonk, Rehobeth, Swansea, and Somerset and the city of Fall River. A large-scale map shows that in the towns of Swansea and Somerset the road is legally called GAR Highway, as far as the US Postal Service and the towns are concerned.

I could not find any street signs so identifying it. In Swansea just east of Stony Hill Road there is the traditional GAR sign on the south side of the road. There are no signs in Fall River. Just over the line in Westport near Sanford Road there is a road sign on the south side. At the junction of Route 6 and Route 177 on the Westport Dartmouth line there used to be a sign. This intersection has been reconfigured since I left the area in 1964 when I went off to the Army; the sign is no longer there. There used to be one are in North Dartmouth, East of Smith Mills Village near Slocum Road; that is gone.

There is still a sign in the median at New Bedford Dartmouth line. The sign at the New Bedford Fairhaven line on the harbor bridge is gone, probably lost in a hurricane. Soon after passing Fairhaven High School a new sign on the right proclaims Route 6 to be the Fairhaven Firefighters Highway. There are no GAR signs in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett or Marion. In East Wareham there is one GAR sign on the south side partially obscured by foliage opposite number 126 Sandwich Road.

There are no signs in the next town of Bourne until you go over the Cape Cod Canal. Route 6 then becomes a divided highway with a central median until the Orleans Rotary. Locations are noted to the nearest mileage marker. The GAR sign in Bourne is in the central median partially obscured by foliage in between markers 56.2 and 56.4. In West Barnstable between markers 64 and 64.2 a sign proclaims the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. This was erected thirteen to fifteen years ago in response to agitation by a veterans group by the state. Between markers 67.8 and 68 near exit 6, Hyannis, there is a GAR sign and a matching sign is just past exit 6 headed up Cape near marker 67.8. There is a sign near marker 74 exit 9A in Yarmouth.

In Dennis before the Old Bass River Road overpass near marker 77.6 there is a GAR sign and the matching one headed up Cape is just past the overpass at 77.4. Route 6

becomes one lane in each direction with plastic wands down the middle; it is known locally as Suicide Alley.

At marker 90.2 in Harwich there is a GAR sign; at Orleans Rotary Route 6 becomes a safer two-lane through built-up areas. There are no mileage markers past the Rotary. There is a GAR sign near the Eastham Veterinary Hospital. There is one in Wellfleet by Cove Road and onr in Truro near Panic Road. This is where it gets interesting.

The original Route 6 goes through downtown Provincetown which is very narrow and heavily congested during tourist season. In 1958 the state completed a divided highway splitting off at old North Truro Cemetery and this became Route 6. By Chapter 667, acts of 1958 state decree that what was once now Route 6A extending from Provincetown to North Truro shall be designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. A very noble gesture but I could not find any GAR signs on it. After Route 6A, the old Route 6, goes through Truro and downtown Provincetown and meets the new Route 6 near Heron Cove to head up Cape. Still in Provincetown just before the Truro town line on either side of the road there are two signs proclaiming the beginning and the end of the GAR Highway. Near marker 72 headed up Cape there is another sign proclaiming the Grand War Veterans Memorial Highway.

The reason I accepted this job is that I grew up in New Bedford which is on Route 6 and as a young boy I was always fascinated by those signs proclaiming the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and I later learned that I had two great-grandfathers in the Civil War and I inherited one of their GAR membership badges. Massachusetts was one of the first states to pass the law naming Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway on 2 February 1937. It would be fitting in this sesquicentennial period that Massachusetts renews its recognition of its Union dead.
Respectfully submitted, Robert Borden.
I have a copy here for the Department Commander and have forwarded a copy to the National Highway Officer.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Can we ask questions?

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: Yes.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Eugene Mortoff: Eugene Mortoff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It has to do with the GAR Highway in New Hampshire and Vermont. Are you familiar with that?

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: There wouldn't be any.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortoff: That's my question.

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: It is not federally recognized.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Eugene Mortoff: I was just up there one time in New Hampshire and I saw the sign that said GAR Highway and I wasn't aware that there was another one and it goes the whole way over to Stowe Vermont. It is the most beautiful drive I've ever been on. It is all two lane through the mountains and hills of what is the best in this country just about and it ends well it is marked GAR Highway. I asked the National Highway Officer about it and he wasn't even aware of it, so I was just curious if you knew anything about it.

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: I would guess that it is a recognized New Hampshire GAR Highway. Route 6 is federally recognized. I would guess that is....

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortoff: Well it had to be a joint thing between New Hampshire and Vermont.

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: They do get along.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Eugene Mortoff: It is the same sign. They are marked signs, the same as New Hampshire signs.

GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden: Anyways, I have done my work and I would suggest the Department should probably harass the State. I think right now with this sesquicentennial going on in speaking as a Vietnam era veteran people are much more appreciative of veterans now than they were thirty or forty years ago, and supposedly Massachusetts as a Sesquicentennial Civil War Commission. I don't know what they are doing but they would be the ones to bother.

Commander Edward Norris: Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I would like to make a motion that the Commander-in-Chief direct a letter to the State Senator and Representative for the areas mentioned in the Brothers report notifying them that it is the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and that the signs should be restored. I think we can work with the Sesquicentennial Commission; it is really the celebration of the sesquicentennial, but it's not going to be law, and those highways are legally designated The Grand Army of the Republic Highway and it is like anything else, the roads, after time. people forget about it and rename it the Korean War Veterans Highway or the Firefighters Highway. We always have to be vigilant that they are doing that and work with our elected officials, and those are the people to put the signs in place and that designate those areas. Again my motion is to direct the Commander to contact those legislators and notify them that there are portions of the highway that are renamed and there are missing signs that need to be remedied.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay, second.

Councilman George Maple: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: We have a second.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Yes Peter. Oh any discussion?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando, Chairman of the Council. I would ask Brother Tucker if he might amend his motion to suggest that a copy of the GAR Highway Officer's report be included in all correspondence to these people and in addition that letter be forwarded to Ms. Patricia Levenworth, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in Boston. She is a Norwich University graduate.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I accept that amendment.

Commander Edward Norris: Conley.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford, Department Junior Vice Commander. We know we have Route 6, that is the road itself, but on that road to me, there is signs for the bridges on Route 6 that may be named after Civil War veterans. There may be historic rest spots along the highway named after the Civil War event. I would suggest that the signage, in other words, if a sign is there stating it is named after a Civil War veteran or someone that served, those should also be included in the signage or I guess maintained or replaced if they are missing. Include all signage not just the GAR Highway signage.

Commander Edward Norris: All right, Al.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Al Smith, Patriotic Instructor and I am also with Camp 5. Just two points, the first one is if help is needed, you believe help, is needed from the Sesquicentennial Commission you can come to ask me for help because my brother is on the Commission, and I'm sure I can give you some info about getting some help. Secondly, and this is more of a question, if the point is to take the GAR Highway and make it completely the GAR Highway and replace those portions that are the Korean War, are we asking for a problem by asking the Korean War veterans to relinquish that part of the highway? What I would suggest is, yes, we can do that but by getting back our highway we can ask the Korean War veterans what alternative they would accept so that they still have the Korean War named after them for certain parts of Massachusetts highways, streets or avenues or whatever. We don't want to offend the Korean War veterans. They are just as patriotic as we are. So I am asking for you think of an alternative when we ask for the GAR highway to be renamed.

Commander Edward Norris: So just one thing. One second Tim. I have seen highways that are co-branded, I don't know if branded is the right word, co-named, but that is still doable. Tim, do you have something?

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Just a comment. Brother Commander. Timothy Callahan, Camp Commander, Camp 104, Department of Massachusetts. Is there a motion on the floor?

Commander Edward Norris: Yes

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Would you mind repeating the motion? Sorry Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I'll try to remember; it's been a while now. The motion is that the Department Commander, not the Commander-in-Chief, but the Department Commander, write a letter to the elected officials to the towns that were included on Brother Borden's report notifying them that there are missing signs and that some of the GAR Highway was renamed and asserting the GAR name for that highway and having the legislators reinstitute that.

Commander Edward Norris: Plus all the stuff that Peter brought up.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Plus all the stuff that Peter brought up, plus a copy of the letter to include the report be sent to the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: The question was is that a motion?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Okay, has it been seconded?

Commander Edward Norris: Yes.

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: So it is done?

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any further discussion? All those in favor say aye. Any opposed? All right, so moved. Just a point of interest, Dan brought up Internet access and it is Vermont Route 15 that is also known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and it runs 68.94 miles, and it runs from Winooski to Morrisville Vermont. As it was pointed out Route 6 is the federally named one. All right, the Signals Officer report.

Signal Officer Jack Manning: Jack Manning, Signal Officer. The webpage is up and running and if you have any information please send it to me. I am always looking for information. The Facebook page is up and seems to be more active than the webpage actually. We are getting a lot of likes per week. That seems to be the place where everybody likes to go, because we can keep it updated with current pictures and a lot of people have Facebook accounts. If you have any questions....

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I think part of the issue with the website not being as active as Facebook is the website is not updated. We don't have this Encampment on there. We need to have a program where we get both and maybe we're just not giving the information and providing it. But for upcoming events we need to post on both, especially for those that don't have a Facebook account or belong to the groups. I would say as we update one we should also update the other

Signal Officer Jack Manning: You touched on two points, not being a member of the email group you don't get the information, and the website. I propose we get a calendar for the year, and it makes it much easier. I mean it's not just the Department but other organizations I belong to only give you two weeks' notice. We have to have the information out so people know what is coming up. It makes it much easier and more informational for everybody concerned

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Tim do you have an Eagle Scout report?

Eagle Scout Award Officer Timothy Callahan: Commander, Tim Callahan, Camp Commander 104. For the last 12 months since our last Encampment March 30, 2013: last May we went to Mount Auburn to place a wreath on Charles H. Bond's stone, our Camp benefactor. Fortunately we had good weather. On Memorial Day we joined other Department of Massachusetts Brothers in the Annual Bourne Memorial Ceremony held at the National Cemetery on Cape Cod. This wonderful event included many different activities by various military branches including a flyover with the missing wing formation. Later that week some of Camp 104's Brothers participated in Camp 5 of Lynn's Annual parade. In August of last year a good group went to Wisconsin for our National Encampment accompanied by our own Perley Mellor who was National Commander. We haven ongoing graves registration; we have registered many graves in Wakefield and a few other areas, mostly by Bill Naughten, Richard Nichols, Kevin Tucker, and Ken London. For our Veterans Day remembrance project we rechecked Lakeside Cemetery and replaced missing flags. We have always wondered where they go. In November Kevin Tucker and Dan Murray organized our annual trip to Gettysburg in a delightful air-conditioned bus, that was full as usual. It was a wonderful trip. Camp Officers were installed at our November meeting by Brother Commander Norris. Thank you Mr. Norris. In February Brother Tucker organized our Lincoln Day brunch. In March we went to Past Department Commander Frank Tucker's and his wife's grave to place a wreath on it as close to his birthday as we can. He was a great friend, well respected by his Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans and the VFW. Our camp participates in a patriotic program at every meeting. Brother Ken London participated in one ROTC program. Reluctantly, to say, we only gave out 23 Eagle Scout commendations in the past 12 months. We also participated in Woburn's Historical Society program. Again we went to the Massachusetts Encampment in March and we go to Charlestown Massachusetts annual rededication ceremony. They hold it in April. We have a wonderful statue that was dedicated April 9 way back when. New England Regional Association in New Hampshire by the lake. Graves registration in Essex. a (unintelligible) day in Newburyport, a memorial service in Grove Hill Cemetery in Waltham. Some of us went out to Fort Warren, again the Veterans Day Parade in Lynn Massachusetts, New England Regional Association in Rhode Island and some of us

participated, went to Diane Mellor's testimonial. And last Brother Tucker helped me file papers with National requesting $500 to help restore Braintree Massachusetts Civil War statue. And I have the check for $500. It probably took 9 days from the application for me to get the check.

Commander Edward Norris: Tim do you have a separate Eagle Scout report?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I think it's the same report.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay. Thank you very much. Kevin you have a Counselor report?

Counselor Kevin Tucker: No I don't.

Commander Edward Norris: Did I get all of the appointed Officers? Did we receive reports from anybody?

Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, we did, from the Camps.

Commander Edward Norris: We will go to the Camps later. Kevin what time is lunch? At 12 o'clock?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Yes

Commander Edward Norris: Does anybody need a break? Why don't we take a 15 minute break before we get into the Camp reports. Please come back at 11:10 AM.**(meeting recessed)**

Meeting reconvened at 11:12AM

Commander Edward Norris: Dexter would you like to give a Senior Vice Commander report?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Sure. Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop and my activities during 2013 have been to continue my work at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. I work at the Chelsea Soldiers Home holding monthly meetings and we have an average of 20 at each one of the sessions. I am always looking for volunteers to make presentations, preferably in uniform; they love to see the uniform. The meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 PM, and if you have any interest in making a presentation please see me. My email address is genord@Comcast.net. We have also moved the Griffith Camp 22 to the Soldiers Home and are holding Camp meetings there now on a regular basis. We also organized the Department's participation in the September Veterans Parade in Lynn, which happened to be one of the largest parades in Lynn, Massachusetts in many, many years. Our unit was greatly appreciated by those that were watching. To give you an idea of how big the parade was, it took 2 hours for the parade to pass the reviewing stand. They had all kinds of groups. They started with

the Revolutionary War, 1812, Civil War, and right up to today's modern wars. Also working in coordination with Lynn's 150th celebration which is 4 days of presentations in the school system with over 2500 students being in attendance at various times because we do the four high schools in Lynn. The kids really love the programs that we bring in. At the end of the week, on Friday night we also have a pork dinner at the Masonic Hall and a bean supper at the GAR Hall on Saturday night. On Saturday during the day we have a living history on the Lynn Common which in past years has included rededication of Lynn's Civil War monument by our Commander. Some of the other participants were President Lincoln, General Grant, General Chamberlain and we had some members of the 54th Massachusetts also during that period. I also participated in Memorial Day activities in Lynn and Bourne. Rededication services at Lynn, Waltham and Lowell. That was pretty much what I did last year. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. I would just like to make one comment. I think Commander-in-Chief Freshley would be impressed that you use an electronic device that is smaller than his to record.
Before we move on to Camp reports I would like to take a few minutes to give out some recognitions. As you know one person does not run the Department and one person does not run a Camp. It takes many of you to get this thing right to do the business of the Order. And these will be in no particular order because I kind of messed them all up. If some of you could take a photograph of this it would be nice, too. If you need a camera I can give you one. So again, in no particular order, Jack if you would come up and I will present you this. You know Jack is the Signal Officer and he has done a really good job.

Dexter would you come up. Thank you very much and I appreciate what you've done.
Conley Ford who is Junior Vice thank you and I appreciate what you've done.
Dan would you come up please. I appreciate all you have done. Thank you.
Peter. Peter Rotando as you know is chairman of the Council. Thank you very much.
Another council member, George Maple. Thank you very much George.
All right Tim. If you don't know, Tim has been the Eagle Scout Officer for I don't know how many years. It is amazing how many of these Eagle Scout awards he has given out. Thank you Tim.
Al. Al Smith our Patriotic Instructor. Thank you Al.
And Steve Twining. Where did he go? I know he is here. I will get him later.
Kevin, here you go. Thank you
So, going through the Officers again, they do a tremendous amount of work. A lot of times you guys don't see any work they do. They keep the Department going. I have 2 other people I would like to recognize. The 1st one is Kenneth London. Ken comes to almost every event and he brings Tim to almost every event any attends Department Officers meetings so I would just like to thank you Ken. Come on up. Here you go,. Thank you And the other one last but not least, if you noticed Robert Knight could not attend today so at the last minute I called Peter and he stepped right up so I would like to give them one of these. He also came to one of our events that Robert could not come to. He has really been a big help to us. Thank you Peter. So that's it and I have a couple of certificates for the other Officers, but I'm not done yet.

I had this made, this is for outstanding service, is from the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This guy, if you're an Officer in the group here, you need a right-hand man and this is certainly the person who is a right-hand for me. He organizes the Lincoln day brunch, has brought us to the National Encampment more than once, anything I have asked him to do he has done. He has been patient and has done most of the lion's share of the work for this Encampment. In the past he pulled together are National Encampment and just a ton of stuff that he has done that you don't see behind-the-scenes. He never comes forward and tries to get credit for it, and it is time to do that. I would like to give this to Kevin Tucker for outstanding service to the Department.
I have one more. This is for another Brother who has done a ton of stuff behind the scenes. I am lucky to have twp right-hand people. I would look kind of funny but I really do, so this Brother this year; well our Department Secretary decided he no longer wanted to be the Department Secretary and he also left the Order so Dan stepped right in and took over the dual responsibilities. He helps arrange our Remembrance Day trip for a number of years including one year driving us all down. We didn't have enough registered so we took a van load of people down. He does everything I ask, he pesters me at times but I appreciate that and he keeps me honest. I would like to give this to Dan. I think it is well-deserved. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.
Again, I appreciate everybody's efforts and I hope to do this again next year. We have a half hour for lunch let's get back to, oh I have another thing. This isn't an award; it is an appreciation to the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for installing the Officers this year. It is a badge we had made a number of years ago. They were widely distributed but we would like to give you one in appreciation.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortoff: Thank you very much.

Commander Edward Norris: So let's get into the Camp reports. Paul Kenworthy of Camp 5 is not here. Did he send a report?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: No.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there somebody here who would like to give a Camp 5 report? Okay, Dexter

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, Chaplain, Camp 5. We meet on a regular basis and we've been working together with the Roundtable on the 150th program that we do every year now during the sesquicentennial. We participate in the parade for Memorial Day, we also have a memorial service on the Thursday before Memorial Day up at Pine Grove Cemetery. We do it at the Civil War veterans lot where there are about 600 buried there. We have gotten close to 100 people out to watch the ceremony now. We are also going to be co-sponsoring this coming May a history bee in the high schools. The Civil War Roundtable and General Lander Camp 5 each put up $250 to offer a $500 scholarship to the winning Department of History of the schools to see if we can generate some interest in keeping the contest going. That will be taking

place during the week of our upcoming 150th program which I will maybe mention a little bit later. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. I don't see any representation from Camp 15. Did they send a report?

Secretary Daniel Murray: No.

Commander Edward Norris: Camp 22?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Back in November we finally got Camp 22 up and running at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. We have a core of fellows that are very much into the whole organization and participating. Our Commander swore us in on 19 November and they are looking forward to working with the Department and Camp 5 on their projects. It is a matter of getting them over to Lynn to be able to do it but other than that they are more than willing to participate. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Camp 25, John.

Camp Commander John Dupree: John Dupree, Camp Commander of Camp 25, Worcester. I apologize that I will be kind of brief and these are just some of the highlights from the year. We meet monthly except for the months of July and August, we have had our elections and installation of officers. Brother Ed was there for that. We continued our traditional participation in Worcester's Memorial Day observances at Elm Park, Mount Hope Cemetery, and Rural Cemetery. Between April 2013 and February 2014 we initiated at least four new members and one associate member. A number of our Brothers, Chip Chambers for one and Mal Grant for another, are out in the community at various events recruiting and otherwise putting our name out there. I think we've added nearly eighty Civil War veterans to the National website and presented at least one Eagle Scout certificate to a young man in Framingham. That is it.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. I don't see anyone from Camp 26 here. Did they send a report?

Secretary Daniel Murray: No, they didn't.

Commander Edward Norris: So we will skip Camp 26. Camp 50, Rob.

Camp Commander Rob O'Brien: I'm Rob O'Brien, the Camp Commander of Camp 50 in Rockland. Things are pretty exciting in our Camp right now. We have a lot of things going on. The Camp has done a lot of outreach to the town and surrounding areas. We have done several lectures, historical lectures with people in character giving talks. We have had a couple of movie nights which is all free to the public. Obviously it's just trying to get recognition for the hall. We are also very fortunate that Rockland has a Holiday Stroll at the end of November. It is a Christmas stroll and they shut down the town and we are the warm spot for everybody to go to, to get warm. It is really surprising how

many people we talk to every year that never even knew the GAR Hall was there or even existed. That number is growing every year. We get more and more people coming in. Some say, "Oh, I was here last year and I had to bring my neighbor up here to see this." They get a tour of the building and see what is going on. It's pretty exciting what is going on in town, and that is our outreach. The Camp, ourselves, we have done dedication services for Canton, Randolph and we did a really big one for Abington for the archway and bridge in Abington. We had a full encampment and I am also President of the Massachusetts 22nd reenactment group.

It was pretty special and it was actually through Abington that several of the town's who were in attendance saw what we did so they have come to us and asked us to do different things. We have been doing living histories because of this and that has been pretty exciting too because it is more where we wear two hats between the 22nd and the GAR. We have basically got to the point where most of our events that we are being asked to do are mostly, are coming in through the GAR Hall.

So any of the payments that are coming through, we don't ask for anything but these organizations have been paying us. If they asked where it goes to, it has been going to the renovation fund that we are doing on the building and it has been very, very successful. These people have been very good. With that being said we've also applied for a grant through the Sesquicentennial Commission for matching funds up to $7500. If you haven't seen our building, the building has these beautiful stained glass windows and if you look at it from the street it looks very nice but if you go to the Blanchard Street side it is in desperate need of repair and paint. So right now the grant is working on repairing the windows and finishing off that side of the building. We were actually able to raise the money through living histories and through several events just passing the can around. We've raised enough money that we should be able to exceed $7500 for our renovation fund. This is pretty exciting; that is coming up pretty soon.

Conley actually sent us the father and son team that he talked about earlier. They were greeted well and then they will be sworn in at our next meeting. They really nice people and we are really grateful to have them so thank you Conley for sending them over to us. We have several other people who are in the works right now, through these different outreach programs who are really trying to find lineage. They really want to find lineage and so we're working really hard to get them in right now also.

We have set up upstairs in the anteroom; if you make it to the swap meet tomorrow; we have the anteroom outside of the great hall upstairs; we have the United States Sanitary Commission. They are not the military side, they are the civilian side of our group. We had a gentleman who asked the Hall if he could do a high school project for extra credit. He wanted to set up a field office for the Boston Commission for the United States Sanitary Commission. He is a young guy and it's pretty exciting that he did this and where that has gone it has been absolutely phenomenal. When you see the room, well you won't see it right now because they are selling stuff, little stuff that they would've sold at the time, not sold but given to the soldiers, but that will be set up with mostly boxes and all kinds of things that show what a Sanitary Commission office would've looked like. They are doing a great job so it is really good that we have the Sanitary Commission there because we got the female side of things there that makes us clean the place better than what we were doing. The place has been scrubbed head to toe and it looks really, really great. It's exciting; it really is.

With the new Facebook site and all the information that is coming out the word is getting out and we're seeing younger and younger people coming forward, so it is pretty exciting.
There is a swap meet at the Hall tomorrow, and last year was a really big success. Rob Lundeen's collection is probably next to the Smithsonian's for Civil War artifacts. He has real stuff. He is going to have stuff for sale and the stuff that is going to be there is going to be really good. Everything, you name it, it is going to be there. Come to the hall and enjoy it upstairs. On the stage is going to be the Shades of Gray, the 35th Virginia band playing period music all day long. If you haven't heard them just come and listen to them and it's great. I don't see him here but usually we have been running into the gentleman, he is in the band now, actually from the state, Chip Chambers. He has been setting up the tables, he goes to the events, we keep him in the loop. He comes to all the events and sets up a table for the Sons. So it's good, we are getting the word out, so please come tomorrow if you can. Thanks very much.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you, Don, Camp 61.

Camp Commander Donald Hayes: I'll just summarize this. Don Hayes, Camp 61, Camp Commander. Basically Camp 61 was inactive during 2012 so Steve Twining called a meeting on March 28 with two members which follows our bylaws with an emergency meeting, then the question was do we continue to exist or not. Well, one person who shall not be named said it would be a shame to let it die during the sesquicentennial and everybody else there agreed. This individual made some comments that we should be doing things, not coming to Bickford's in Woburn and eating and talking and telling the same stories over and over again. So he listed a couple of things that elicited some more comments and then someone turned to him and said, "Are you running for Camp Commander," and I said no unless everybody here agrees to cooperate. So that is how I got to be Camp Commander. So we amended our by-laws and reduced the number of meetings. The problem is that Jack Manning is at SAR, this guy is SAR, there is somebody else here who is SAR, some of us are Mayflower. We go to these organizations and we see the same people. We are all involved in too many things, naturally that is our nature. So we've cut back on the number of meetings to four a year. In May I hosted the meeting in Lowell, the guys wanted where their outfits, their Civil War outfits so we said yes, and we went upstairs and met in the Memorial Hall of the library which is where the Paul Philippoteaux murals are. He is the same man who did the cyclorama in Gettysburg; some of his remaining pieces are from another mural that he had done. We had our business meeting there; we saw a piece of the Monitor, the names that are on the wall and then we went out and viewed and the mortar. There's only about four of those mortars. We saw the monument for Pratt & Whitney, not Pratt & Whitney, Ladd and Whitney who were out there, supposedly buried underneath that Memorial. They were among the first to die in Baltimore.
Then we had memorial services at the GAR burial place at the Lowell Cemetery which is a private cemetery and then went to the public cemetery where the Soldiers and Sailors Monument is. There are some twenty-five Civil War soldiers buried there including a Civil War nurse as well as a couple of Spanish American guys.

So we were publicly obvious and had a chance to talk to people. In August we had our meeting in Woburn and Mary McCarl gave a talk on what it was like for the women whose husbands and boyfriends and sons took off and left them. And in November we went down to the Higgins Armory to see it in its final time before it left and had our annual election there. In January Commander Edward Norris swore us all in and we prepared a calendar for this year, too. There you are. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Did Camp 132 send in their report?

Secretary Daniel Murray: No.

Commander Edward Norris: And finally Jack, Camp 3188. Tim I didn't mean to skip over you but you had already come up and given it.

Camp Commander Jack Manning: Hi I am Jack Manning, Camp Commander of Scituate Post 3188 in Scituate, Massachusetts. We meet every second Wednesday in the recently refurbished GAR Hall thanks to the town of Scituate. Some of the events we participated in this year with the American Legion and the General Benjamin Lincoln Chapter of the SAR were Wreaths across America at the Veteran's Cemetery, the Memorial Day at the town common which has the big Civil War Monument, and Independence Day activities throughout the town. Some of us attended the General Butler and the General Banks ceremonies with the Department. Currently we are working on a grave marking program throughout the town with the high school and the Boy Scouts. Membership right now is at seventeen members, we have two brand-new members this year one associate and one member. We did attend the 150th anniversary in Gettysburg. Quite a few of our members went down there. We are working on a trifold about our Camp to be distributed amongst the town and up on Newberry Street. That is basically it. This is notes so I'll clean it up and send it to you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you very much. So that... yes Tim.

Camp Commander Timothy Callahan: Tim Callahan, Camp Commander 104. I would just like to take another minute, I was neglectful earlier. I also have thirty neckties. I did sells 10% today. Actually they came to me but they do make great Christmas presents and they are four for $100. I have one, and do you have one Brother Norris?

Commander Edward Norris: No, I do not.

Camp Commander Timothy Callahan: But that is an SUV tie though, anyway. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. I'm just going to bring this up and I'll decide if we're going to move forward or not. Is there any communications?

Secretary Daniel Murray: One.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay, we will do that and then we will break. This is a card to us. "To the Department of Massachusetts. Thank you for the book about the 21st Connecticut Regiment with my ancestors name in it. It will become a family heirloom".. This is signed by our Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor. We gave that book at the National encampment at the Campfire.
Next will be unfinished business so we will hold off on that until after lunch. Lunch is in about 10 minutes so why don't we come back at 1:15 PM and we will pick up but I don't see much until we get into new business. Hopefully it goes smooth; sometimes it hasn't in the past so…

Meeting is recessed at 11:48 PM
Meeting reconvened at 1:22 PM

Commander Edward Norris: Let's move on to unfinished business. Is there any unfinished business? Going once, going twice… All right let's see, new business? During new business is there anything we want to cover first?
So we can get back to it, I had mentioned we were going to hold off the Treasurer's report until this section and after the Treasurer's report we will move into the budget.

Treasure Daniel Murray: I had it on the computer but I lost it during the power surge. I can't read verbatim because it was on the computer and the power surge did it in for now. The Treasurer's Report, this year we had a CD that matured and we took $53,389 and transferred it into the Permanent Fund. That was what Peter was talking about; we had the guy from Wells Fargo come to the Officers meeting and give a presentation. At the time he said he wanted to turn the whole portfolio over to somebody to invest for us and they wanted to rearrange the stocks which would have meant a $10,000 loss for us for the next three or four years which is about 50% of our operating income. The percentage they would take to manage the fund was based off of our total assets and our total assets are about $700,000. They took the roughly $53,000 and put it into energy stocks for now. I do have the paperwork here if anybody would like to look at it, if someone would pass these out. The sheets are a summary of our funds. The General Fund was $12,857.03 as of Thursday. It is roughly $4000 less than that now because we had to pay the costs of this Encampment. So that leaves us about $8000. The Battle Flag Replica fund is $4500.73 in a savings account at Citizens Bank. It has gained $.73 interest in the last 3 years. The Permanent Fund is invested with Wells Fargo plus we have a couple of CDs with Mayflower Bank. Mayflower Bank has been taken over by Rockland Trust. The Permanent Fund is $586,796.83 and in our GAR Trusts, I believe, there are five of them, the total assets are $141,452.51. Our total value is $745,607.10. That is my report. Any questions?

Commander Edward Norris: The GAR Trust Funds, there were some requirements that we had going along with that and are we actually complying with them?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes we are.

Commander Edward Norris: Yes Perley.

Past Commander in Chief Perley Mellor: I would like to announce the number for the raffle ticket. There is one person who bought one ticket and the last three numbers are 766; the blue ticket.

Councilman will Peter Rotando: I won.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. The question is those GAR Trusts had mandatory activities that we had associated with them. I just want to make sure that somebody was making sure those are being carried out.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes, they are Kevin. I know the Wood Lot was decorated. I have the list here; I can't tell you off of the top my head who, what, where, and when they were carried out. I know Timmy does the Wood Lot every December. We have some at Mount Auburn Cemetery. One is recruiting; one is Camp 25 because it is the only Camp in Worcester County. They haven't requested their money yet. That may be the Marshall Fund. There is also the Copenhagen Fund that is to be used for patriotic purposes Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Commander Edward Norris: Is that the Treasurer's report?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes it is.

Commander Edward Norris: Let's move on to the budget.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Commander, is there supposed to be a motion at this time to accept the Treasurer's report?

Commander Edward Norris: We have not voted to accept any of the other reports.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Also, if anybody would like to look at them all of the investment reports are up here from Wells Fargo, all of the bank statements are up here for the year and also I didn't mention there is our annual audit. There are copies of it up here if anybody would like to read the audit. Here are copies of the budget to be passed out as to what was spent this year.

Commander Edward Norris: Does everyone have one that says just 2014, and then one that says 2014 – 2015. Which one do you need Jack?

Signals Officer Jack Manning: I need 2014 – 2015. .

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any more copies of that?

Treasurer Daniel Murray: The one that says Budget 2014 that is what we have actually spent this past year. The only one that is in the red is Department Encampment because we paid for two encampments out of last year's budget. We also had two

proceedings that were done out of that. The proceedings are now caught up so I only have to do one for this year. Other than that everything else came in either at or under budget. Our total budget last year was $23,748 and we were left with $4585.68. The budget for 2014 – 2015 was discussed at the officers meeting and the proposed budget coming up for this year is $24,150.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: My question is for the expenses about the flag holders. We have ordered them for this year but they have not come in. Are we going to lose a year's flag holders?

Commander Edward Norris: We can double the budget for next year.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: The manufacturer is having issues, he lost somebody at his manufacturing plant and is teaching somebody else how to make them.

Commander Edward Norris: I would make the motion to adjust that line item in the budget when we get to it.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Does that money carry over?

Commander Edward Norris: No, it doesn't carryover but it doesn't say you can't adjust it. Peter.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I am the Chairman of the Council. We have two sheets of paper before us, and I would say we should reference the budget of 2014 for what we have spent this past year as a reference to them. Work off the sheet of the budget of 2014 – 15 to make our judgments for the budget presentation. For Brothers who don't normally come to the Encampment, you can see that we have quite a bit of money that is held for us. That money was hard-earned by the GAR, our ancestors many years ago. That is why we are able to pursue the mission of the Sons that we do. That is why it is incumbent upon us, the Council and the Encampment, every year, because the Encampment has the final say to make sure we don't waste or endanger those funds frivolously. We do the line item, we are going to go through each one then you can see what we actually spent in 2013 on the far left and then we can go across to see what the budget is and see what the difference was from last year's budget. We will go item by item and then we will vote at the end. Department Battle Flag Replicas, $1500 is budgeted 2013. The expense this year was zero. Kevin, you know a little bit about the replicas. That is still going on, isn't it?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. That money is put aside in the savings account and from that we are making battle flags for the ceremony in 2015. So right now we have $4500, so that by next year if we approve the budget we will have $6000 and by 2015 we should be up to $7500. The flags are about $300 apiece, some more and some less so we should have enough flags to make the ceremony something special. I can talk more about the ceremony when we get to the

Good of the Order. The money is put into a savings account away from the Permanent Fund.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Well. we have to allocate that because you never know when that is going to come up again.

Commander Edward Norris: That one is a rollover account that we established. When we created this line item we established the savings account.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I believe the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are also participating in this Kevin?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Councilman Peter Rotando: It is a multi-agency project.

Commander Edward Norris: We have a proposal for $1500. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor? And opposed? So moved. Next one.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Events during the Sesquicentennial; we budgeted $1000 and we actually spent $450, that leaves $550 from this year's expenses. At the budget meeting in March most people had an opportunity to speak on this. Is there any question on this?

Commander Edward Norris: So the proposal is $1000?

Councilman Peter Rotando: It is $1000.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor: Unless you're going to be here all afternoon I would like to make a motion about the budget. If a line item is not contested that it be approved at the sound of the gavel.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? So moved.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department General Benjamin Butler Ceremony. The budget is $100. Last year it was $128. That was a project that was sponsored by Mrs. Ellsworth Brown.

Commander Edward Norris: No, the Benjamin Butler ceremony was started by a group called the Friends of General Benjamin Butler Society. They do a ceremony up there every year on the Saturday nearest to his birthday. That organization has slowly

lost its membership, some of it due to death, so they asked if we would pick it up. At the last Encampment we agreed to do that and they turned over their funds to us.

Councilman Peter Rotando: The budget for this year was $100.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objection? (Sound of gavel). Next.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Colors Maintenance and Equipment. We budgeted $200 and we spent $195. This year we have budgeted $100.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objections? (Sound of gavel). So moved.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Depot rent expenses: $1000 was spent on the budget for last year and the proposed budget for this year is another $1000.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? (Sound of gavel) Next.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Encampment expenses. We appropriated $1250 last year and we actually spent $1832.62 with a deficit of $582.62. Encampment again is $1250 for the incoming budget.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objections? Yes, Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander and also Chairman of the Encampment Committee. I just wanted to speak on this since this is near and dear to my heart. For those of you Brothers who haven't been to a Department Encampment before, or are not familiar with the process of how it works, we go into these hotels and the deal that we make with them is they are going to charge us per room or we are going to meet catering minimums. So those meals that we had today go towards our catering minimums. I noticed a lot of people came to the Encampment but did not sign up for the meals. It may have saved you money but it just cost us money, about three grand. We did not reach those minimums so it comes out of our budget. In order to make this Department Encampment successful everybody has to participate as much as they can on every level. The Department does not charge dues. The Department of Massachusetts does not charge anybody any dues and is one of the few Departments that does that because of the endowment that we have. But we do not want to waste the money either. I am not objecting but I just wanted to put my two cents in and that in the future you would think about that. I know that you can go to McDonald's for cheaper than you can pay for twenty bucks for lunch. That $20 pays for this room and the ladies meeting room and the banquet room and all, so please keep that in mind. This is our organization and we determine the success or failure by our participation, and like I said, I know it is cheaper to go to McDonald's and grab a mcsandwich for breakfast but all of those things go towards our minimum. We lost $3000 this year for those minimums. That is a lot of money per person for the amount of people in here, that the Department paid that we could use. I withdraw my objection.

Commander Edward Norris: Dan.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: I think we need to vote and raise this to $4000; we have already paid for it. I had to pay the bill last night and we have paid the $4000. If you vote in the $1250 we are going to use, we are going to start off with a $2800 deficit.

Unknown: Seconded.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? All in favor? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: The budget item is now $4000, right? Next year bring a friend. Next is Department Miscellaneous Fund. Last year we spent $498.71. This year again, for the coming year, a $500 budget.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? (Sound of gavel) Next.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Newsletter expenses. There are no expenses for this year and there is nothing in the budget for next year.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander and I would like to make a motion that we remove the newsletter expense, line item from the budget.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I have a second?

Unknown: Seconded.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All those in favor? Are there any opposed?(Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: We could always add that one in again. Department Officers meeting expenses, there was $1000 budgeted for 2013 and we spent $580.20 with a balance of $419.80. This year we are asking for another thousand dollars.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objections?(Sound of gavel) Next.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Officers bonds. We have appropriated $250 and we've spent $235. This year we are again asking for $250 for the Officers bonds.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objections?(sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Officers travel expenses. Department Chaplain, we appropriated last year $250 and actually spent $180 with a balance of $70. This year is $250 again.

Commander Edward Norris: Any objections?(Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Commanders expense. We budget $1100 last year and we spent $696.96. Appropriated this year was $1100 again

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Junior Vice Commander, appropriated last year was $500; in expenses totaled $322.78. This year $500 again.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Senior Vice Commander, $500 is budgeted and he spent $303.48. Appropriated this year again is $500

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Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Secretary, appropriated was $250 and spent was $250. The 2014 appropriation is for $250 again.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Treasurer appropriated $250 in 2013 and spent was $250; requesting this year another $250.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: The total Department Officers travel will be $2850. The Department Secretary office expenses was $500 and spent $249.09. Requested is $500 for this year.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department Treasurer office expenses is combined because the same person is doing the job. The annual CPA that is required, we budgeted $2050 and the bill this year was $2050. The proposed budget is for $2050 for next year.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Off supplies was $350 appropriated last year and $308.22 was spent. The office supplies requested for this year is $350.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: The tax bill preparation, $500 is budgeted and $500 was expended. Requested is $500 for the coming year

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Department website hosting expenses is budgeted at $150. We spent $110.54 and we are asking for $150 for the coming year.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Flag holders: budgeted was $1500 and the money was not spent because the bill did not get in before the end of our fiscal year. We're going to appropriate again $1500.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? Yes, Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Because of the order not being received last year the expenditure was not made but we still need those flag holders and we need next year's flag holders. I make a motion that we raise that amount to $3000.

Councilman Peter Rotando: I second that motion.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? All in favor? All opposed? Motion passes.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Good of the Order expenses: The Chelsea Soldiers Home $1850 was budgeted and $1849.23 was expended. Brother Bishop is looking for $2000 this year.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: For the Eagle Scout awards he was budgeted $300 and spent $82.25. Every once in a while he does little more than that but I would say $300 again would be a sound figure.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: NERA hosting. That is the New England Regional. We have one coming up that we have to host and $200 is requested.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Good of the Order. We appropriated $220 last year and spent $189 and we are looking this year for $200 again.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Recruitment: budgeted last year was $500 and we actually spent $301.99 and requesting for recruitment this year another $500 again.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Research genealogy. This is a new line item added at the officers meeting. The proposal is for $200 for 2014.

Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray Department Treasurer. This was added as a line itemt because the money was being spent every year with the same thing. We have an account with Ancestry.com. It was just coming out of a different line item. We decided that we may as well call it what it is and present it as a line item.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: ROTC awards we appropriated $200 and none was spent. Now the gentleman that was handling that...

Commander Edward Norris: I am going to have to bring that up under new business.

Councilman Peter Rotando: We propose maintaining that $200 in the ROTC award program. That was a working program prior to last year.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Stone placement, $250 was proposed last year and that was not spent. However this year we want to request $250 this current year, 2014.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: So total Good of the Order expenses is is $3850.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Lincoln Brunch expenses, we have $500 budgeted we did for $348.35. The current request is still $500.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? Yes Al.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: We have had some huge successes with the Lincoln Brunch and I would like to raise it by a couple hundred dollars, $200-$250 to give us a little more leeway to cover the speakers and or musicians.

Commander Edward Norris: Al, you need to make a motion with a specific dollar.

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: I would like to make a motion to raise it by $250 to $750.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I have a 2nd?

Councilman Peter Rotando: Second

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? Yes Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I generally organize the Lincoln Brunch and while I appreciate the extra money, in general what changes the amount is who the speaker is. I can't say we're paying $500 for any speaker and I think we're okay. The most we usually is pay a couple of hundred dollars. Generally people do it free but sometimes they do charge a small amount or we give them a little gift which is generally under $100. While I appreciate it I don't think it is necessary and we can stick with the original amount of $500.

Commander Edward Norris: Do you want to withdraw?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith. If Kevin wants to leave it as is, withdraw the nomination then I am for it. The only thing that I would say is that as we get more speakers and more talent to come to the breakfast they are coming at a higher price. In the old days $100 was fine but now $100, doesn't buy much. The speakers are getting more and more expensive because they are finding out they are in demand. I withdraw my nomination, rather the motion. I withdraw my motion to increase this line item.

Commander Edward Norris: Does the Brother who seconded the motion withdraw also.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Yes

Commander Edward Norris: So we're back to the Lincoln Brunch expense for $500. Are there any other objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: National Delegate attendee travel. Budgeted was $2700. Actual expense was $2348.95. Budgeted for 2014 is $2700.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel)

Councilman Peter Rotando: Remembrance Day trip was budgeted $2500 and the actual expense was $2500 so that was a bust. For next year $2500 is also requested.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any objections? (Sound of gavel) We got through the budget. This used to take hours.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Can we get a revised total?

Commander Edward Norris: It is $28,400.

Councilman Peter Rotando: Now the big difference is the $4000 hit. It will make a difference next year. If we had more people here it would make a difference. Most don't realize that our only obligation is the Encampment because that is where everything is settled and decided. The budget, the making plans, is here. What we do in the Camps on the outside is wonderful but it all ends here every year. Hopefully it will be $4000 less next year if everybody brings a buddy.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you Peter.

Councilman Peter Rotando: You're welcome.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other new business? I do need to bring up some. As you know, Dick Carter is no longer with the Sons and he was doing all of the coordination of the ROTC awards, so I am starting to get requests for it. We need somebody who is willing to basically coordinate it or we decide we will participate just by sending them out and not attending the events. They are all over the state so it is time-consuming. I know Dick didn't cover each one. He had other people do it. We need somebody to coordinate it, or even if we decide that we're not going to participate. I'm not sure which way we would to go with it at this time. I haven't had anybody come up and say that they would love to do it. Is there any feeling out there what we should do? Or I will just try to resolve this by the next Department Officers meeting. I just wanted to make you aware of it, that I am getting requests in. I may just forward them to local Camps and see if they can handle it.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. Can you explain what the ROTC Coordinator does and what is expected at the ROTC event?

Commander Edward Norris: What Dick would do is he ended up sending letters throughout the State to the appropriate people and I don't know who they are. I know there was a bunch of them. He had been receiving them and then once he received them I guess he would order ROTC medals as needed, or he would send them out to the folks. He would try to arrange to go to a lot of them. I know he would send out requests in the past to the Camps to have members of the Department attend much like Tim does with the Eagle Scout awards. Tim cannot attend every Eagle Scout ceremony, and the same with the ROTC officer. I would not expect that person to try to attend every one in the State. We are looking for somebody, who as the requests come in, to fulfill the obligations that we put forth. It's either I've got a stack of them and send them out to have the appropriate people, and have them sign them or we just turn them down and say we are not participating at this point. I don't know what to do but we are getting them in. I don't have the material. I don't even know who has the ROTC stuff at this point. Yes Bob.

GAR Highway Officer Bob Borden: Bob Borden Camp 50. I am just curious whether we're talking Junior ROTC which is high school, or Senior ROTC, which is college, and you said both. Now this is basically an academic award, isn't it?

Commander Edward Norris: Yes, it is.

Brother Donald Hayes: Don Hays Camp 61. I am a former high school teacher and I used to do the ROTC in Lowell MA., as well as the SAR award. It is deadly to go to the meeting and sit for 3 hours and finally get called up. Your bladder is about to explode and your kid isn't even in the audience. That has happened to me. It didn't happen in Lowell because I knew the kids. It is an academic award and it is sometimes, it's also considered for participation. It is whatever the ROTC guy who is in charge, which may not be the Colonel by the way. In Lowell, it was a Sergeant that was in charge. The kids think quite highly of the award because the SUV and the SAR are considered the top two awards. In Lowell they gave the SUV to the top Junior. In the SAR to the top Senior and the poor kid who was a Senior never got to wear the award because it was his last day and he had to turn his uniform in, but the kid who is the Junior got to wear the SUV medal for the next year. I am not in a position to even pass them out, I'm sorry. That is the inner workings anyways.

GAR Highway Officer Bob Borden: You know I might be stupid enough to volunteer to do it down in southeastern Massachusetts but I am not going out to Pittsfield. I do have an interest in it because I was in Junior ROTC in high school so there is a certain nostalgia, but I am not going to be the whole committee.

Commander Edward Norris: It is an officer's position so why don't I try to work on this and try to resolve what we are going to do here and see if we can get some more volunteers to try to coordinate it that way. As they come in, we can just send them out. I just wanted to bring up to let you know the position we are in. We are not filling those right now, and we probably have 5 requests right now that came in this last week. Any other new business? Yes Steve.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer and I don't know if this is the right place Ed, but we had a little discussion about this. We passed the budget to continue with the Ancestry.com and as far as I know the only people who have access is the Junior Vice Commander for helping out new members to find their line. It would be extremely valuable to me as the Graves Registration Officer especially since the requirement for new stones is to find a descendent. I am not looking for another subscription to Ancestry but I think two people from the same organization can use that software. You know it's like if you have it in your house, you are not going to tell your wife I you can't use my word processor, you have to buy another word processor. I don't think it works that way. I need somebody in position of authority to say that I can use it and to give me the password. I was told to bring it up before the encampment to approve that.

Commander Edward Norris: Is that a motion?

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: I make a motion that both the Junior Vice Commander and the Graves Registration Officer be allowed to use the Ancestry.com and have the password. So one can help out finding the ancestry for

possible new members and the other one is for finding information on soldiers for Graves registration.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there a second?

Councilman Peter Rotando: I'll second that.

Commander Edward Norris: All right, is there any discussion? Yes Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: It is illegal to share the license, so we cannot officially approve that. It has to be no, and then we can see what happens.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Where does it say who uses the license? We bought it as an organization.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: If it violates the licensing agreement that is in Ancestry.com's page then we can't do it.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: But does it say that only one person from the organization can use it?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I think you would have to look it up, but it probably says a single individual.

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Well what I'm asking is that the people responsible to look it up. I think you can do it.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I don't think we can vote yes without knowing that.

Commander Edward Norris: I don't know what the license says.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I make a motion that it be ruled Out of Order because we can't violate the law.

Commander Edward Norris: I agree. We are going to rule this motion Out of Order because we don't have sufficient facts to determine what we need to do with it. All right, any other new business? Why don't we take 15 minutes, no why don't we do nomination of officers and then take 15 minutes and make sure everybody's in here in case we have to vote. This year we only need to elect one Council member. The bylaws state that we elect people for 2 years, which Kevin and Peter are filling the two-year slots so we only need to do one Council member. I thought I would explain that before we start going through nominations. So, we have one two-year slot available. Are there any nominations for Department Commander? Yes Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I nominate Edward Norris for Department Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: I would accept. Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? The nominations for Department Commander are closed. For Senior Vice Commander, are there any nominations? Yes Tim.

Eagle Scout coordinator Timothy Callahan: Tim Callahan, Camp Commander 104. I nominate Conley Ford for Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Conley, do you accept?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: I accept.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I have any other nominations?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I nominate Dexter Bishop for Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Dexter, do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I accept.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: This nominating me for Senior Vice, thanks for the honor anyway but no I think that with the 2nd nomination, I withdraw my candidacy for this office.

Commander Edward Norris: We will accept that. Junior Vice Commander. Is there any nominations? Yes Tim.

Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan: Timothy Callahan Camp Commander 104. I nominate Conley Ford for Junior Vice Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Conley, do you accept?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: I accept that.

Commander Edward Norris: Are you sure? You are not jumping out again?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: It's hard to hold 2 posts at the same time.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? That's closed. All right Department Secretary, are there any nominations? Yes Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Pasr Department Commander. I nominate Dan Murray for Secretary and Treasurer.

Commander Edward Norris: We're going to take them one of the time.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: We don't have to. We can combine them.

Councilman George Maple: They are two separate offices.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I make a motion that we combine the Secretary and Treasurer.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I have a 2nd on that?

Unknown: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion on combining the two offices? Yes Tim.

Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan: Tim Callahan, Camp Commander 104. I don't know the whole book but I thought each office had to be voted on separately.

Commander Edward Norris: No we can vote to combine the offices. Any other discussions? So all in favor of combining the two offices? Opposed? So moved.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate Daniel Murray as Secretary and Treasurer.

Councilman Maple: Second

Commander Edward Norris: Would you accept?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes I would.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? All right then nominations are closed. Congratulations Dan.

Department Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: So we have a Council position. Do we have any nominations for the Council position? Yes Kevin.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate Past Department Commander George Maple for Department Council.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there a second?

Unknown: Second

Commander Edward Norris: George, do you accept?

Councilman George Maple: Yes.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed. Congratulations George. Now we have to select eight delegates. Let's start with is anybody planning on going? Why don't we have someone come up and as they see people's hands being raised, nominate them?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I nominate Dexter Bishop as a delegate.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, Senior Vice Commander. If you are planning on going to the National Encampment, would you please raise your hand?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Only if you are not a Past Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Steve Twining in the back. We have Conley Ford, Ken London, Peter Preble, Al Smith, Tim Callahan and John Dupree.

Commander Edward Norris: So far we have nominations for delegates to the National Encampment of Dexter Bishop, Steve Twining, Conley Ford, Ken London, Peter Preble, Al Smith, Tim Callahan and John Dupree. Do we have any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed. We have our slate of delegates.

Past Commander in Chief Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would like to make a motion to appoint all other members of the Department as alternates to the National Encampment with date of rank as of today. So if you have any new members come in they cannot be part of that slate.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? So moved.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Is there a Camp Commander or Camp Secretary present from any of the Camps that I call. Camp 5, Camp 15, Camp 25, Camp 26, Camp 50, Camp 61, Camp 104, Camp 132 and Camp 3188? Please come up and get the Camps proceedings.

Commander Edward Norris: Does each Camp now have one copy in their possession?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: These are the proceedings from last year and each camp gets one copy

Commander Edward Norris: Yes George.

Councilman George Maple: George Maple, Past Department Commander. I move that the Department Secretary cast one vote for all unopposed offices except Secretary, and the Department Commander cast one ballot for that office.

Commander Edward Norris: Oh yeah, we have to do that don't we. Do we have a Second on that?

Unknown: Second

Commander Edward Norris: All in favor? Any opposed? So moved. Why don't we take 15 minutes and come back at 2:35 PM.(meeting recessed)

Meeting reconvened

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Commander, we have visitors from the ladies Auxiliary. We present the National President Diane Mellor, Department President Dee Bonney, and the National Patriotic Instructor Joyce Norman.

Commander Edward Norris: Welcome, ladies, to the Encampment. If you'd like to join us, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is going to say a few words and you are welcome to attend, and then the installation of Officers.

National President Diane Mellor: We will go over and tell the rest.

Commander Edward Norris: Yes, please invite all the ladies.

National President Diane Mellor: We would like to thank you, and all of you gentlemen for having us. It has been a pleasure visiting with you and as I said earlier, it is my home, all my guys, I call you. Some of you I don't know too well. I haven't got around here to meet everybody but some of you I know very well. I thank you for having us.

Commander Edward Norris: Do we have enough chairs for everyone?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Is all of our business done? We haven't had Good of the Order.

Commander Edward Norris: No, Gene would like to address both groups together.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Yes, we will most certainly make room.

National Patriotic Instructor Joyce Norman: Joyce Norman, National Patriotic Instructor. We would like to thank you all for your donations today and whenever, and I am also Department President of Connecticut and our convention is May 3 at the GAR Hall in Vernon, Connecticut. I hope you can all come, and I am happy to be here today, and Ed Norris buys tickets at the last second and always wins.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you

Department President Dee Bonney: The Massachusetts Department Auxiliary would like to thank you for the invitation to be here. We had a great meeting and I am hoping you did as well.

Commander Edward Norris: Well thank you.

National President Diane Mellor: Commander, give us two minutes to get the rest of the girls.

National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Gene Mortoff: Are we off the record now?.

Commander Edward Norris: We have our annual Camp reports from Camp 50, 104, and 3188. We need the other Camps to get their annual report in before the end of the month. As I pointed out earlier this morning I will unfortunately have to suspend the Camps that don't have them in. We're not going to jeopardize our position at National Encampment. The National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief would like to address the group.

National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Gene Mortoff: **His talk is off the record as requested by him**; Approximately 45 minutes long.

Commander Edward Norris: Does anyone have anything for the Good of the Order?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. Just before everybody leaves, because I know all of you will not be at the banquet,we have some upcoming events that we want to make sure that everybody knows about. The next event coming up is in Charlestown, Massachusetts on 26th of April they are having their annual remembrance event at the Training Field in Charlestown, Massachusetts. We do this every year and we either generally lead the ceremony or participate in it greatly. Unfortunately it has been falling off lately and we don't have people in uniform, so if any of you are able to make it, I will put this out on Facebook and on the Department website, if any of you are able to make it we need people in uniform for the color guard and color bearers and a marching unit. If anyone is able to play taps, that would be a fantasy so we'll see. I think it may be Sunday the 27th but I will get it out on the website. Charlestown is famous for the battle of Bunker Hill and most of the activities that

happen there happen around that history, but it also has a great Civil War history. Charles Devens is from Charlestown. As a great Civil War history, there is a wonderful monument there by Martin Milner that they just had refurbished to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The community did it themselves without any input from anybody else. They have done a great job, and the Legion generally organizes this in conjunction with the Sons so if any of you can make it I would appreciate it.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander, I would like to invite everyone to Lynn on the weekend of 31st of May to June 1st, which is Sunday. Prior to that we'll be having part of our 150th sesquicentennial program that we've done and this will be our third year. So, May 27 to the 30th we will be in the schools with presenters. If anybody would like to present in the school let me know. I can always find a classroom that you could go to and make a presentation. Also during that week we'll be having the history bee of which I spoke earlier where there will be a $500 scholarship going to the history department of the winning school. On that Saturday at the living history we will have 6th Maine, the Providence Brigade band and President Lincoln, a contingent of the Civil War Navy and Marine reenactors from the Saugus Zouaves and we will have a group of individuals who will actually be descendants, well they will step into the position, they will be in uniform and they will say hi, I am so-and-so and I am representing and it will be one of the soldiers that went off to war from Lynn. I have a booklet if anybody would like to see the pictures. Fortunately because of our hall, we do this, we have a picture of the guy and we are able to show who it is and give you a little bit of the history of what he did during the war. We have a great book that shows over 600 that says my most memorable moment during the Civil War. Some of them are quite interesting to read. We will also be having, on Friday night which is the 30th, a roast pork dinner at the Masonic Hall, and that is $15. I would like you to let me know, we'll need to get out some advertisements, we need to count noses and get that lined up. Then on Saturday night, we have the traditional baked bean supper at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall.
By the way if you haven't been to the Hall shame on you, this is a hall that is exactly the way it was when the last veteran passed. You have original furniture, the original rugs, and you have 1240 odd pictures of individuals who actually spent time in the Hall as veterans. It is quite a collection and we would recommend highly that you come down, and if you want to come I can arrange a tour just about any time.
In the Hall there is a capstan from the USS Kearsarge. We have been doing a lot of research and are slowly but surely figuring out how it got into our hall. It is quite a story. We also have three members of the 54th Massachusetts who were members of the Hall. Again, you are all invited and I hope you can make one of the two evening dinners. By the way the beans are a specialty of Past Department Commander Kevin Tucker and there is usually none left, so they are great beans.
Also I just got an email from the veterans organization that runs the parade, the veterans parade in September. If you remember this past year we did a parade that took, the length of the parade, it took two hours for the entire parade to pass by the reviewing stand. This same group is going to do the parade this time in Saugus. So we have been asked to put together a contingent of individuals who will march that parade route in Saugus. So I will be giving Ed some more information on that.

Also, the John J. B. Adams Building at the Chelsea Soldiers Home has been made available to us for a rededication and since John J.B. Adams was the 2nd Commandant from when the GAR started that home, they have a building there named after him and we are told that we are more than welcome to come and have a big ceremony with the present Commandant of the Home. We will have to work on this also. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Any other Good of the Order? Yes Kevin

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. I just want to say Dexter put together that week of Civil War events in Lynn, he does it every year. It's amazing the amount of kids that it reaches out to. We had Abraham Lincoln , General Grant, Frederick Douglas, we had all of these people coming to classrooms and speak and people got their cameras, they're just kids, they are taking pictures of President Lincoln and they just got excited about it. The living history of the Lynn Common is amazing and hopefully the weather will cooperate. They fire the cannon off and you can hear it for miles. The Providence Brigade Band is fabulous and they do a great job with that and we do a memorial ceremony for Colonel Mudge in Lynn and he was a hero of the Civil War and an important player in Massachusetts and Massachusetts Civil War history. I would highly recommend this and Dexter puts a lot of work into it.
In addition to that, one of the nice things about the city of Lynn is that it is an immigrant community and we have fantastic participation from those children of immigrants and the immigrants themselves in our Civil War or in our patriotic exercises.
On the Thursday before Memorial Day all of the high school students go to the largest cemetery in Lynn and they flag every veterans grave. They fan out, and this is a very large cemetery, they find every veterans grave and flag it including the GAR plot which is where they finish. The GAR plot is at the top of the hill in the center of the cemetery and they finish there and then Camp 5 and the Sons, the Junior ROTC and a bunch of groups do a Memorial Day ceremony there. It is very nice, and if you get a chance it is the Thursday before Memorial Day. Please join us. It is Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.
And of course we have Bourne coming up for Memorial Day. It is a Sunday before Memorial Day so it is the 25th of May, Bourne national Cemetery, at 12 noon. The Department has always had the privilege of General Logan's order number 11 and the Sons of Union Veterans lead the parade. They do it by war and the Revolutionary War if they show, it is usually one guy, if not it will be us; we lead the parade into the cemetery; the parade route is about a quarter-mile long lined with American flags, which were taken from the coffins of buried soldiers, on poles lining the drive. You march down the driveway, there are people waiting there for you and they do a great ceremony at the Memorial area and there is generally a flyover by the Air National Guard, which is not very often and there is usually a band. It is a really great exercise and when we are finished with that, as many of you know, there are Civil War soldiers buried there, they were moved there just a few years ago, and the Department did a ceremony. So we do a ceremony at the graves of those Civil War soldiers with a musket volley, flowers and all that. We need participants; it has been dwindling lately. We need people in uniform to march. If you can please attend it is the Sunday before Memorial Day May 25th, 12 noon, at Bourne National Cemetery. I will get it up on the website and get the emails out. I think that is all I have.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other Good of the Order? Okay we have one other piece of business and it is a review of the financial statements by the Council. Would one of the Council give the report on that.

Councilman Kevin Tucker: Would you give us a short recess?

Commander Edward Norris: We can do that. How long do you need?

Councilman Kevin Tucker: About 15 minutes

Commander Edward Norris: We will recess for 15 minutes.

Meeting recessed at 3:42 PM

Meeting reconvened

Commander Edward Norris: It came to my attention that we have a bit of information for the Good of the Order

Councilman Kevin Tucker: This is the last time, I swear. On Tuesday Dexter Bishop and I are going to the Statehouse and we're going to appear before the Sesquicentennial Committee. They have turned over the Return of the Flags ceremony to us. So for 2015, according to the money that we put aside and our plans we are going to start having flags manufactured., battle flags, regimental flags and American flags for that ceremony. If any of you have contacts with reenactment groups, I think what our plan is going to be is to have the reenactors act as the color bearers and have modern veteran organizations act as the color guard. We're going to plan is to start at Boston Common, march around the inside of the Boston Common parallel to Park Street, and hopefully the Governor will be waiting at the steps, and the color bearers will continue into Memorial Hall, well actually Doric Hall, which is where the original flags were and they will be placed. They will stay on loan and on display at the State House. That is what we're going to bring to the Sesquicentennial Commission. We have to get the permission from the State House and we have some things to go through to get that in the works. For the past few years we have been putting aside $1500 a year for these flags. They are going to cost between $300 and $500 apiece with poles and everything else. We will not be able to re-create every flag but will be able to re-create a good sample of them. That is all the Good of the Order I have. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Kevin I'd like to form a committee with you as the Chair, and Dexter on that, and you can appoint up to two additional people. We are going to get into Installation of Officers but before we do so Peter brought a special Bible with him today. If you just spend a minute or two just describing it so we know what we're going to be putting our hands-on in a few minutes.

Chaplain Peter Preble: This Bible that is here belongs to Arthur Buckminster Fuller who was the Chaplain of the 16th Massachusetts Infantry and was killed at the Battle of

Fredericksburg. After he had been discharged from the Army, as most Chaplains were when they were a lot older than the soldiers were, and he had gotten sick and had to resign, and resigned and stayed one more night. The next morning was the Battle of Fredericksburg and they needed volunteers to row the boats across the river and he volunteered. When they got to the other side he stepped up out of the boat and was shot and killed. This Bible was a gift Bible that he gave to his nephew but there is a note in it written by him with his signature and there are photos in there. This is from my collection, I collect Bibles, I don't know why but I do. So I brought this one today. This is kind of a cool way, I think, to swear the officers in on this Bible. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Just one final word, when we go, to put our hands on it gently.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortoff: Commander elect are you prepared to announce your staff appointments.

Commander Edward Norris: Yes I am

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortoff: Secretary call the role of Elective Officers and staff appointees who as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander Edward Norris, Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop, Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford, Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray, Council 1 Peter Rotando, Counsel 2 Kevin Tucker, Council 3 George Maple, Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith, Chaplain Peter Preble, Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining, GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden, Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan, and Signals Officer Jack Manning.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortoff: Brothers these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed let him speak now or forever hold his peace. Brothers, the elected and appointed Officers,please present yourself to the altar.

Department Officers installed by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortoff in due form.

Meeting closed in due form by Commander Edward Norris.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ROLL CALL

Commander	Edward J Norris	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Dexter A Bishop	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Conley W Ford	Present
Council 1	Peter N Rotando	Present
Council 2	Kevin P Tucker	Present
Council 3	George E Maple	Present
Secretary/ Treasurer	Daniel W Murray	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Albert Smith	Present
Chaplain	Peter Preble	Present
Historian	George Kane	Absent
Color Bearer	vacant	
Guard	vacant	
Guide	vacant	
Counselor	Kevin P Tucker	Present
Civil War Memorial Officer	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Absent
Graves Registration Officer	Stephen J Twining	Present
Eagle Scout Award Officer	Timothy T Callahan	Present
ROTC Officer	Vacant	
GAR Highway Officer	Robert S Borden	Present
Department Organizer	Stuart H Chambers	Present
Signals Officer	Jack T Manning	Present
Newsletter Editor	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Absent

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of Massachusetts EIN 04-6050537 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Dedham, Massachusetts

On the 5th day of April, 2014 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

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GAR Highway Officer: Robert S Borden	1040 Plymouth St	No Abington	MA	02351	781-878-4446	none
Department Organizer:						S

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Dexter Bishop	Topsfield	MA		Al Smith	Belmont	MA	
Steve Twining	Fitchburg	MA		John Dupree	Worcester	MA	
Conley Ford	Scituate	MA					
Ken London	Braintree	MA					
Tim Callahan	Braintree	MA					
Peter Preble	Southbridge	MA					

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (*Do NOT include deceased.*)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Robert Knight	Feeding Hills	MA					
John Bates III	Melrose	MA					
Perley Mellor	Nashua	NH					
Kevin P Tucker	Wakefield	MA					
George Maple	Franklin	MA					

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
Date:	5 APR 2014			
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Eugene Mortorft	Daniel W Murray	Edward J. Norris	

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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Department Order #1
SERIES 2013-2014
1 August 2013

1. The Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, accepts the resignation of Richard Carter, Department Secretary, and we thank him for his service.
2. Daniel Murray has been appointed Assistant Department Secretary.
3. Until the Department Council selects a new Department Secretary all correspondence should be sent to Daniel Murray, 40 Lake Road, Brentwood NH 03833-6206.

Ordered this 1st Day of August, 2013
Edward J. Norris, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Daniel Murray, Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Department Order #2
SERIES 2013-2014
9 October 2013

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of Brother Ellsworth W. Brown, Past Department Commander, who died Monday, October 7, 2013. He was the Department of Massachusetts' Commander during 1996-1997. He leaves his wife Cynthia Brown, Past National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department Charters, and the Department's website be draped in black through 7 November 2013.

Brother Brown was a member of the Gilman E. Sleeper Camp 60, Department of New Hampshire, and US Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam Era. He was 1st Clarinet in the Marine Corp Band, most notably at Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the Marine Corp League, Ernest Young Post 63 American Legion of Salem, New Hampshire, Friends of the Hunley, and Friends of Major General Benjamin F. Butler Society. He was an avid Civil War reenactor and loved to share his knowledge of the Civil War with the public at living histories.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St. Methuen. Funeral services will follow the conclusion of visiting hours at 12:00 PM in the funeral home chapel.

Condolences may be sent to: Family of Ellsworth Brown at 92 Pond St, Salem, NH 03079-4346.

Ordered this 9th Day of October, 2013
Edward J. Norris, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Encampment
Dedham, Massachusetts
April 5, 2014

Report of the Council
Chairman: Peter N. Rotando

Brothers:

I am pleased to report from the Department Council for the past year's works. On August 1, 2013, the elected Secretary Richard Carter submitted his resignation and returned all official materials to the commander. Commander Ed Norris, at this time, temporarily appointed Department Treasurer Daniel Murray to fill this position, until the Council could find a replacement.

Council Chairman Peter N. Rotando directed Commander Norris to make public to all the camps the availability of this position to be filled. On September 8, 2013, Commander Norris notified Council Chairman that there were no further inquiries by members of this organization to fill this position. At the September 8, 2013 meeting, Council Chairman approved Brother Daniel Murray to fill the position of Secretary for the remainder of this year until the next election.

The Department Treasurer Daniel Murray, at the September 8, 2013 Department meeting, notified the Council that $53,389.00 had been received from a CD that had become due and was available for disposition. Chairman of the Council asked the Treasurer for any suggestions he had for the placement of these funds. Treasurer Murray replied that this money should go back and supplement the Permanent Fund. The only member of the Council present was the Chairman, who directed the Department Treasurer to move these funds into the Permanent Fund.

Department Commander Ed Norris invited a representative from Wells Fargo Investments to a later meeting where a lengthy presentation was given to the management of our funds and securities by a professional organization. Members present were given the opportunity to question the benefits of transferring our money to the management of this corporation. Commander Norris directed the Council members present (Peter N. Rotando and George Maple, Jr.) to review and recommend any action to pursuing work with Wells Fargo.

During the month of March 2014, Council Chairman spoke with Brother Maple and contacted Brother Tucker by phone to explain his opinions and seek their input and going to an outside agency to manage our money.

Brother Tucker recently returned from China and had some excellent insight to economic growth in China and the Far East. Brother Maple added his concerns about unstable foreign markets and the world situation. After much consideration, it appears that market growth as it is on the U.S. Stock Exchange, is still a safe bet. The deciding factor against having Wells Fargo manage our money was the fact that the annual fee for their services would be about $5,000.00 or more. This sum represents at least 25% of our annual budget. In my opinion, as well as Brother Maple and Brother Tucker, we do not have the opportunity to increase our corporate dividends to match expenses and cover this $5,000.00 plus fee. It is the recommendation of this sitting Council that the Department of Massachusetts does not pursue dealing with Wells Fargo at this time.

The Council does not reject the notion of some professional supervision of Department of Massachusetts funds, however, we are open to suggestions from the membership for presentations of money managing organizations in the future. We understand the necessity of our future considerations in foreign investments. Our most important concern is to maintain an effective annual operational budget to meet the needs of our mission.

Respectfully submitted in FC&L,

Peter N. Rotando, Chairman
Department of Mass Council

5 April, 2014

Dept Commander
Dept of Mass, SUV

G.A.R. Highway in Massachusetts: Survey Report as of October 2013:

Route 6 extends from the state line at E. Providence, RI thru the towns of Seekonk, Rehobeth, Swansea, & Somerset and the city of Fall River. A large scale map shows that in the towns of Swansea and Somerset the road is legally called "G.A.R. Highway" for mail delivery purposes, but I could not find any street signs so identifying it.

In Swansea just east of Stoney Hill Rd. there is the traditional G.A.R. sign on the south side of the road. There are no signs in Fall River. Just over the line in Westport near Sanford Rd there is a sign on the south side. At the junction of Rt. 6 & Rt. 177 on the Westport-Dartmouth line there used to be a sign. This intersection has been reconfigured since I left the area in 1964. The sign is no longer there.

There used to be a sign in N. Dartmouth east of Smith Mills Village near Slocum Rd. It is gone. There is still a sign on the central median at the New Bedford-Dartmouth line. The sign at the New Bedford-Fairhaven line on the harbor bridge is gone, probably lost in a hurricane.

Soon after passing Fairhaven High School, a new sign on the right proclaims Rt. 6 to be the "Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway." There are no G.A.R. signs in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett or Marion. In East Wareham there is one G.A.R. sign on the south side partially obscured by foliage opposite #126 Sandwich Rd. (Rt. 6). There are no signs in the next town of Bourne until over the Cape Cod Canal.

Rt. 6 becomes a divided highway with a central median until the Orleans rotary. Locations are noted with the closest mileage marker.

The G.A.R. sign in Bourne is in the central median, partially obscured by foliage, in between markers 56.2 & 52.4. In W. Barnstable, between markers 64.0 & 64.2, a sign proclaims "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway." This was erected 13-15 years ago in response to agitation by a veterans group, by the state. Between markers 67.8 & 68.0 near exit 6 (Hyannis) there is a G.A.R. sign. A matching sign is just past exit 6 headed up-Cape near marker 67.8

There is a sign near marker 74 (exit 9A) in Yarmouth. In Dennis before the Old Bass River Rd. overpass near marker 77.6 there is a G.A.R. sign and the matching one headed up-Cape is just past the overpass at 77.4 soon after exit 9. Rt. 6 becomes one lane each direction with plastic wands down the middle. It is known locally as Suicide Alley.

At marker 90.2 in Harwich there is a G.A.R. sign. At Orleans rotary Rt. 6 becomes a safer two lane thru built up areas. There are no mileage markers past the rotary.

There is a G.A.R. sign (left side) near Eastham Veterinarian Hospital. There is one in Wellfleet by Cove Rd. and one in Truro near Pamet Rd.

The original Rt. 6 goes through downtown Provincetown; it is very narrow and heavily congested during tourist season. In 1958 the state completed a divided highway, splitting off at Old North Truro Cemetery,

this became Rt. 6. By Chap. 667, Acts of 1958 the state decreed that what was now Rt. 6A extending from Provincetown to North Truro shall be designated as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." A very noble gesture but the SUV Highway Officer saw no G.A.R. signs along that stretch of Rt. 6A.

After 6A (old Rt. 6) goes through Truro and downtown Provincetown, it meets the new Rt. 6 near Herring cove to head up-Cape. Still in Provincetown, just before the Truro town line, on either side of the road there are two signs proclaiming the beginning and end of the G.A.R. Highway.

Near Marker 72 headed up-Cape there is another sign proclaiming "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway".

I grew up in New Bedford which is on Rt. 6. As a young boy I was always fascinated by those signs proclaiming the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." I later learned that I had two great-grandfathers in the Civil war and I inherited one of their G.A.R. membership badges. Massachusetts was one of the first states to pass a law naming Rt. 6 the G.A.R. Highway on 2 February, 1937. It would be fitting in this *sesquicentennial* period that Massachusetts renews its recognition of its Union dead.

Respectfully Submitted, F.C.L.

Robert S. Borden

Dept. Mass G.A.R. Highway Officer

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Dept Mass SUV

Natl. SUV Highway Officer

Massachusetts

Main article: U.S. Route 6 in Massachusetts

U.S. 6 runs approximately 117.5 miles (189.1 km) in Massachusetts. It parallels I-195 between Providence, R.I., and Wareham, and serves as the local business route. US 6 continues onto Cape Cod across the Sagamore Bridge as a freeway from Bourne to Orleans. North of Orleans, it becomes a surface road again to its terminus in Provincetown. Interestingly, although the West-bound sign in Provincetown has been updated to reflect the shorter terminus in Bishop, CA, the East-bound sign in Provincetown still reflects the original coast-to-coast terminus in Long Beach, CA (see photo).

Heading west from Provincetown, Mass.

Eastbound Signage in Provincetown, MA, July 2012

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Annual Report for 2013

On March 28, 2013 a special meeting of Bay State Camp 61 was called to consider the future of the camp as it had become inactive for several months in 2012.

All brothers present felt it would be a shame to allow the camp to die out during the anniversary of the Civil War. Also, the brothers felt the camp meetings should be more active and more fun! There is so much we can do to both honor our ancestors who sacrificed so much and to be active and enjoy being a camp. The veterans of the Civil War must not be forgotten and it's our duty and our honor to maintain their memory.

At the same time, modern life is busy and many of us have conflicting responsibilities. The brothers discussed adjusting our calendar to meet the demands of the modern world at the same time we honor our ancestors and enjoy participating in a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All in attendance agreed to develop an active calendar of events and therefore elected a new slate of officers and developed a tentative calendar of meetings for 2013.

The agreement that a more flexible schedule of meetings was advantageous required a change in our By-laws which was voted on in the affirmative at our August meeting.

On Thursday, May 30th, the original Memorial Day, the Commander hosted a camp meeting in Lowell where we visited Memorial Hall with its Civil War murals painted by the same artist who painted the Cyclorama of Gettysburg. Outside is a large mortar, the Ladd-Whitney monument for two of the first to fall in the war, and the Ayer Winged Victory monument. A brief business meeting and lunch was held in a nearby restaurant. We will traveled to the Lowell Cemetery and had a brief memorial ceremony at the GAR Memorial. Then, we went to the Edson Cemetery for a brief ceremony at the Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial, the city's public Civil War memorial.

Camp members who have uniforms were encouraged to wear them. Nothing catches the public's eyes and reminds them better than a group of men in Civil War uniforms! We received several comments on our appearance.

On August 14, 2013 Camp 61 met at Bickford's Restaurant in Woburn, MA. Our special guest and speaker was Dr. Mary McCarl who's talk was "Keeping the Home Fires Burning" about the challenges faced by families whose husband and father has left for the war.

The Camp voted to donate funds to the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial in Fitchburg, a project headed by our Secretary, Stephen Twining. The Camp also voted to purchase and donate to the Lowell Memorial Library a navy kepi for their display of a piece of the Monitor. A vision statement was approved which includes the ideas in the second paragraph above and that our membership will be inclusive to all Brothers in Massachusetts rather than territorial.

On November 11, 2013 the Camp met at the Higgins Armory in Worcester to view the collection in its original location before its removal to a new facility. At the business meeting held in a restaurant nearby the election of officers was held.

At our January 2014 meeting the officers were sworn in by Department Commander Ed Norris and a full calendar for the year was voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Hayes Jr.

Donald P. Hayes, Jr.

Subject: CAMP # 104 REPORT
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KEN WOULD YOU PRINT ME TWO COPIES PLEASE, THANKS TIM C.

CAMP # 104 REPORT FOR PAST 12 MONTHS, MARCH 30, ENCAMPMENT TO APRIL 5 2014

CAMP # 104 WENT OUT TO MT. AUBURN IN EARLY MAY TO PLACE A WREATH ON CHAS.H. BOND'S STONE, OUR CAMP BENEFACTOR. GOOD WEATHER!

ON MEMORIAL DAY WE JOINED OTHER DEPT. OF MA BROTHERS IN THE ANNUAL BOURNE MEMORIAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE NATIONAL CEREMONY ON CAPE COD. THIS WONDERFUL EVENT INCLUDED MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS MILITARY BRANCHES, INCLUDING A FLYOVER OF THE "MISSING WING" FORMATION.

LATER THAT WEEK WE PARTICIPATED IN CAMP # 5 OF LYNN'S ANNUAL PARADE. A GOOD GROUP WENT TO WISCONSIN IN AUGUST FOR OUR NAT'L ENCAMPMENT. ALL WHO ATTENDED HAD A FUN TIME, ACCOMPANIED BY OUR OWN PERLY MELLOR WHO WAS NAT'L COMMANDER.

WE HAVE AN ONGOING GRAVES REGISTRATION. WE HAVE REGISTERED MANY GRAVES IN WAKEFIELD & A FEW IN OTHER AREAS. FOR OUR VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT WE RECHECKED "LAKESIDE CEMETERY" & REPLACED MISSING FLAGS.

IN NOVEMBER KEVIN TUCKER & DAN MURRAY ORGANIZED OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO GETTYSBURG IN A DELIGHTFUL A/C BUS, THAT WAS FULL AS USUAL. IT WAS A WONDERFUL TRIP.

CAMP OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING BY CMDR. NORRIS.

IN FEBRUARY BROTHER TUCKER ORGANIZED OUR ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY'S BRUNCH.

IN MARCH WE WENT OUT TO "PDC" FRANK TUCKER & HIS WIFE KAY'S GRAVE & PLACED A WREATH ON IT AS CLOSE TO HIS BIRTHDAY AS WE CAN. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND, WELL RESPECTED BY HIS BROTHERS IN "SUVCW" AND "VFW".

OUR CAMP PARTICIPATES IN THE PATRIOTIC PROGRAM AT EVERY CAMP MEETING.

BROTHER KEN LONDON PARTICIPATED IN ONE "ROTC" PROGRAM. WE GAVE OUT 23

EAGLE SCOUT COMMENDATIONS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. WE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A WOBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM. "NERA" IN VT. SEARCH FOR MISSING GRAVE MARKERS. MASS. ENCAMPMENT, ON MARCH 30TH. CHARLESTOWN'S ANNUAL RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY, IN APRIL. "NERA" NH. GRAVES REGISTRATION IN READING AND ESSEX. TABLET DAY IN NEWBURYPORT. ARTHUR MACHIN SERVICE, GROVE HILL CEMETERY WALTHAM, FORT WARREN, VETERANS DAY PARADE IN LYNN, "NERA" RI. AND DIANE MELLOR TESTIMONIAL. Tim Callahan, Cmdr.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TIM CALLAHAN, PROUD CMDR. CAMP # 104

DEPT. MA, EAGLE SCOUT OFFICER SUVCW

P.S. Brother Tucker helped me file papers with National requesting $500.- to help restore Braintree's Civil War statue, which I have received

2014 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF

MASSACHUSETTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR & AUXILIARY

AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BOSTON-DEDHAM

55 ARIADNE STREET, DEDHAM, MA 02026

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2014

COPY

PRE-REGISTRATION

Please pre-register me for the 2014 Dept. of Massachusetts Encampment.
Order: _1_ SUVCW / _1_ ASUVCW A registration fee of $5.00 is enclosed.

Total Preregistration $_____

COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

Please reserve ___ tickets to the Commander's Breakfast on Saturday morning, April 5th, at 7:00 AM.
Enclosed is $15.00 for each ticket.

Total Breakfast Tickets $_____

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

Please reserve ___ tickets to the President's Luncheon at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 5th.
Enclosed is $25.00 for each ticket.

Total Luncheon Tickets $_____

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

Please reserve ___ tickets to the Encampment Banquet on Saturday, April 5th, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.
Enclosed is $35.00 for each ticket.

Meal choice: ____ Marinated Chicken Marsala(s). _ _ New England Style Haddock

Total Banquet Tickets $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

Return this form with a check or money order, payable to "Dept. of Mass., SUVCW", to:
Department Encampment
Veronica Mellor, Treasurer
16 Norma Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Memorial Service for Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
132nd Annual Encampment
and
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
123rd Annual Encampment

April 5, 2014
Dedham, Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

- Candles lit by Chaplain Sandy Bates and Chaplain Fr. Peter Preble
- Invocation by Chaplain Fr. Peter Preble
- Amazing Grace, verses 1 through 4
- Flowers placed for:
    - All deceased National Officers – Eugene Motorff, JVCinC and Diane Mellor, National President (Yellow Flowers)
    - All deceased Department Officers – Edward Norris, DC and Dee Bonney, DP (Red Flowers)
    - All deceased Camp Officers – Dexter Bishop, DSVC and Auxiliary (Blue Flowers)
- All deceased Brothers and Sisters – Conley Ford, DJVC and Auxiliary (White Flowers)
- Reading of names of our departed Brothers and Sisters
    - Brother William Chandler, Camp 15, April 29, 2013
    - Brother David L. Judd, Camp 15, May 25, 2013
    - Brother Ellsworth Brown, PDC, October 7, 2013
- Battle Hymn of the Republic, verses 1 and 5
- Benediction by Chaplain Sandy Bates
- Candles extinguished.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.
(*Stanza*)

					Registration 2014							
Name		Camp			Paid	Pre Reg.		Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner		
		Aux				M	W	$15.00	$25.00	$35.00		
										Chx	Fish	
Smith	Al	5			$30.00	1			1			$30.00
Bishop	Dexter	22			$5.00	1						$5.00
Maple	George	25				1						$5.00
Mellor	Perley	25			$85.00	1		1	1	1		$80.00
Norris	Ed	25			$80.00	1		1	1		1	$80.00
Preble	Peter	25				1						$5.00
Rotando	Peter	25				1						$5.00
Borden	Bob	50				1						$5.00
Twining	Steve	61				1						$5.00
Bates	John	104				1						$5.00
Callahan	Tim	104			$80.00	1		1	1		1	$80.00
London	Ken	104			$80.00	1		1	1	1		$80.00
Murray	Dan	104			$95.00	1		1			1	$30.00
Nichols	Rich	104	Egg allergy		$5.00	1						$5.00
Tucker	Kevin	104				1		1	1	2		$115.00
Bonney	Al	3188			$50.00	1		1	1			$45.00
Ford	Conley	3188				1						$5.00
Manning	Jack	3188			$90.00	1		1	1			$45.00
Bates	Sandy						1					
Bonney	Dee		DP		Free		1	1	1			$45.00
Clarke	Crystal						1					$5.00
Clarke	Evan			JR.	FREE	1						$5.00
Dupre	John	25			$45.00	1		1	1			$45.00
Hosking	Jenni				$5.00		1					$5.00
Manning	Shiela				PD		1	1	1			$45.00
Mellor	Diane		NP		FREE		1	1	1		1	$0.00
Mellor	Veronica				$5.00		1					$5.00
Mortoff	Eugene		N Rep		Free	1		1	1		1	$0.00
Murray	Linda				PD		1				1	$30.00
Norman	Joyce				$40.00		1				1	$30.00
Trepanier	Judy				$40.00		1			1		$30.00
					$700.00	19	10	13	12	5	7	840

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CASH BASIS
WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2013 AND 2012

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood NH, 03833

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position - cash basis of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT** (a non-profit organization) as of March 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities - cash basis for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller

Mark S. Mueller CPA
September 20, 2013

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENTS OF FINACIAL POSITION - CASH BASIS

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

	2013	2012
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 9,075	$ 15,162
Investments at Fair Market Value	752,876	704,774
Total Assets	$ 761,951	$ 719,936

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	$ 641,714	$ 600,415
Temporarily Restricted	781	65
Permanently Restricted	119,456	119,456
Total Net Assets	761,951	719,936
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$ 761,951	$ 719,936

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 5,486	$ -	$ -	$ 5,486
Dividend and Interest Income	21,011	804	-	21,815
Realized Gain on Investments	11			11
Unrealized Gains on Investments	38,796	-	-	38,796
Total Revenues and Gains	65,304	804	-	66,108
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	88	(88)	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	65,392	716	-	66,108
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	5,030	-	-	5,030
Department Encampment Expenses	-	-	-	-
Good of the Order	2,532	-	-	2,532
Rememberance Day	2,500	-	-	2,500
Flag Holder Expense	1,782	-	-	1,782
Travel	2,819	-	-	2,819
Equipment Purchase	1,500	-	-	1,500
Meetings	2,450	-	-	2,450
Printing Expense	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	527	-	-	527
Management and General				-
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	1,168	-	-	1,168
Professional Fees	2,550	-	-	2,550
Total Expenses	24,093	-	-	24,093
Change in Net Assets	41,299	716	-	42,015
Net Assets Beginning of Year	600,415	65	119,456	719,936
Net Assets End of Year	$ 641,714	$ 781	$ 119,456	$ 761,951

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 4,360	$ -	$ -	$ 4,360
Dividend and Interest Income	20,938	595	-	21,533
Realized Gain on Investments	-	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains on Investments	24,528	-	-	24,528
Total Revenues and Gains	49,826	595	-	50,421
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,429	(1,429)	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	51,255	(834)	-	50,421
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	6,843	-	-	6,843
Department Encampment Expenses	2,205	-	-	2,205
Good of the Order	2,488	-	-	2,488
Rememberance Day	2,000	-	-	2,000
Flag Holder Expense	1,500	-	-	1,500
Travel	2,643	-	-	2,643
Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-
Meetings	3,154	-	-	3,154
Miscellaneous	696	-	-	696
Management and General				-
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	912	-	-	912
Professional Fees	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total Expenses	26,176	-	-	26,176
Change in Net Assets	25,079	(834)	-	24,245
Net Assets Beginning of Year	575,336	899	119,456	695,691
Net Assets End of Year	$ 600,415	$ 65	$ 119,456	$ 719,936

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2013 AND 2012

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The Organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The Organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

d) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

e) Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

f) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

g) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

g) Income Taxes: (Continued)

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of financial position or statement of activities. The Organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

The Organization files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal information return examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.

h) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2013 and 2012, the Organization did not have deposits excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2012	2012
Cash	$ 9,075	$ 15,162
Total	$ 9,075	$ 15,162

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3. Fair Value Measurements:

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2013.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 542,325	$ -	-	$ 542,325
Certificates of Deposit	-	210,551	-	210,551
	$ 542,325	$ 210,551	$ -	$ 752,876

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3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2013		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 21,011	$ 804	$ 21,815
Realized Gains On Investments	11	-	11
Unrealized Gains On Investment	38,796	-	38,796
	$ 59,818	$ 804	$ 60,622

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2012.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 449,172	$ -	-	$ 449,172
Certificates of Deposit	-	255,602	-	255,602
	$ 449,172	$ 255,602	$ -	$ 704,774

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2012		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 20,938	$ 595	$ 21,533
Realized Gains On Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains On Investment	24,528	-	24,528
	$ 45,466	$ 595	$ 46,061

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4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2012	2012
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 356	$ 23
Margaretha Myers Fund Income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	80	7
Charles F. Ellis Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	106	8
George C. Marshall Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	145	15
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	94	12
	$ 781	$ 65

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5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2013	2012
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decaration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 47,070	$ 47,070
Margaretha Myers Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	14,071	14,071
Charles F. Ellis Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	17,284	17,284
George C. Marshall Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational,and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	13,993	13,993
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Investments in perpetuity income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	27,038	27,038
	$ 119,456	$ 119,456

6. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through September 20, 2013, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.